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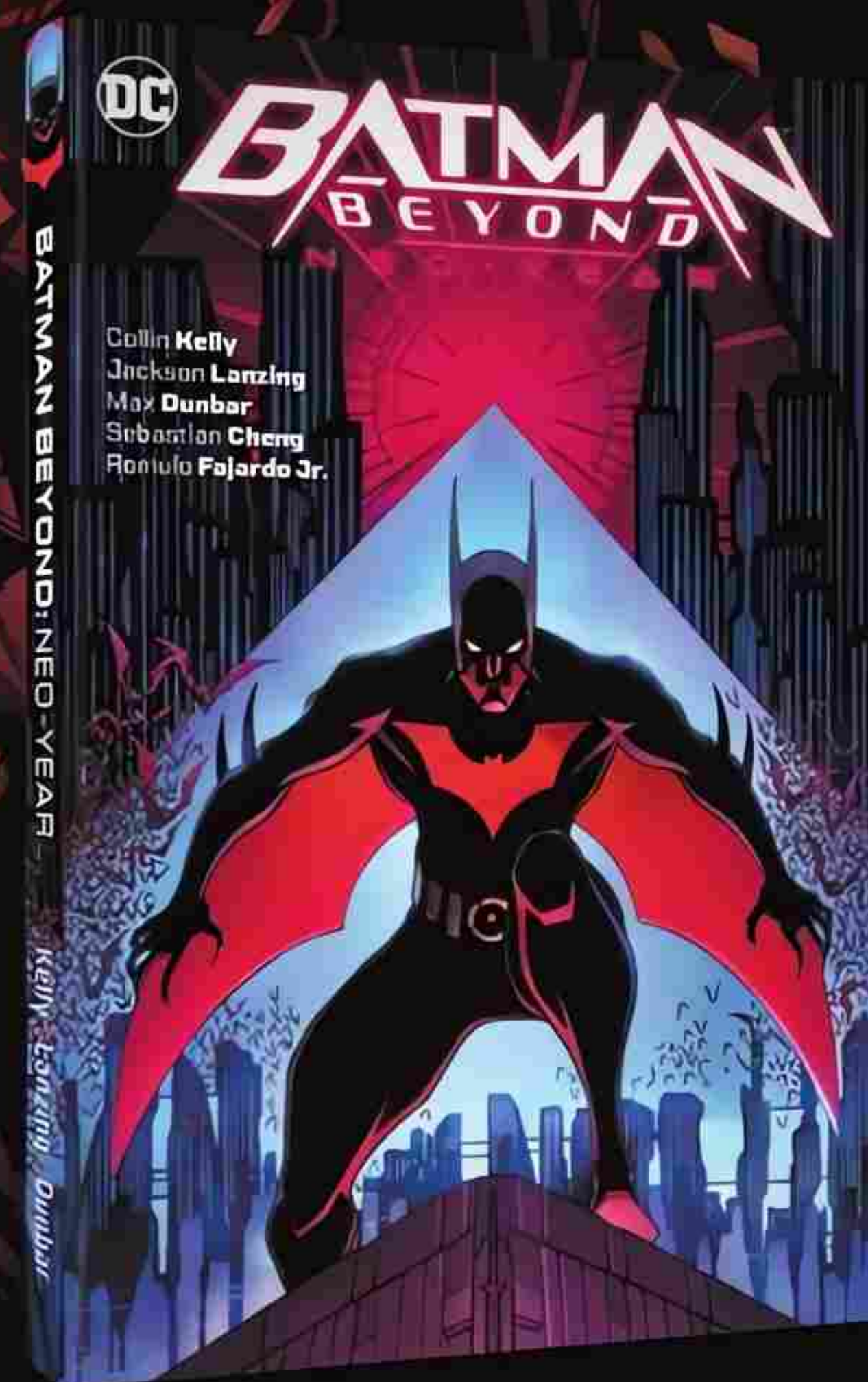
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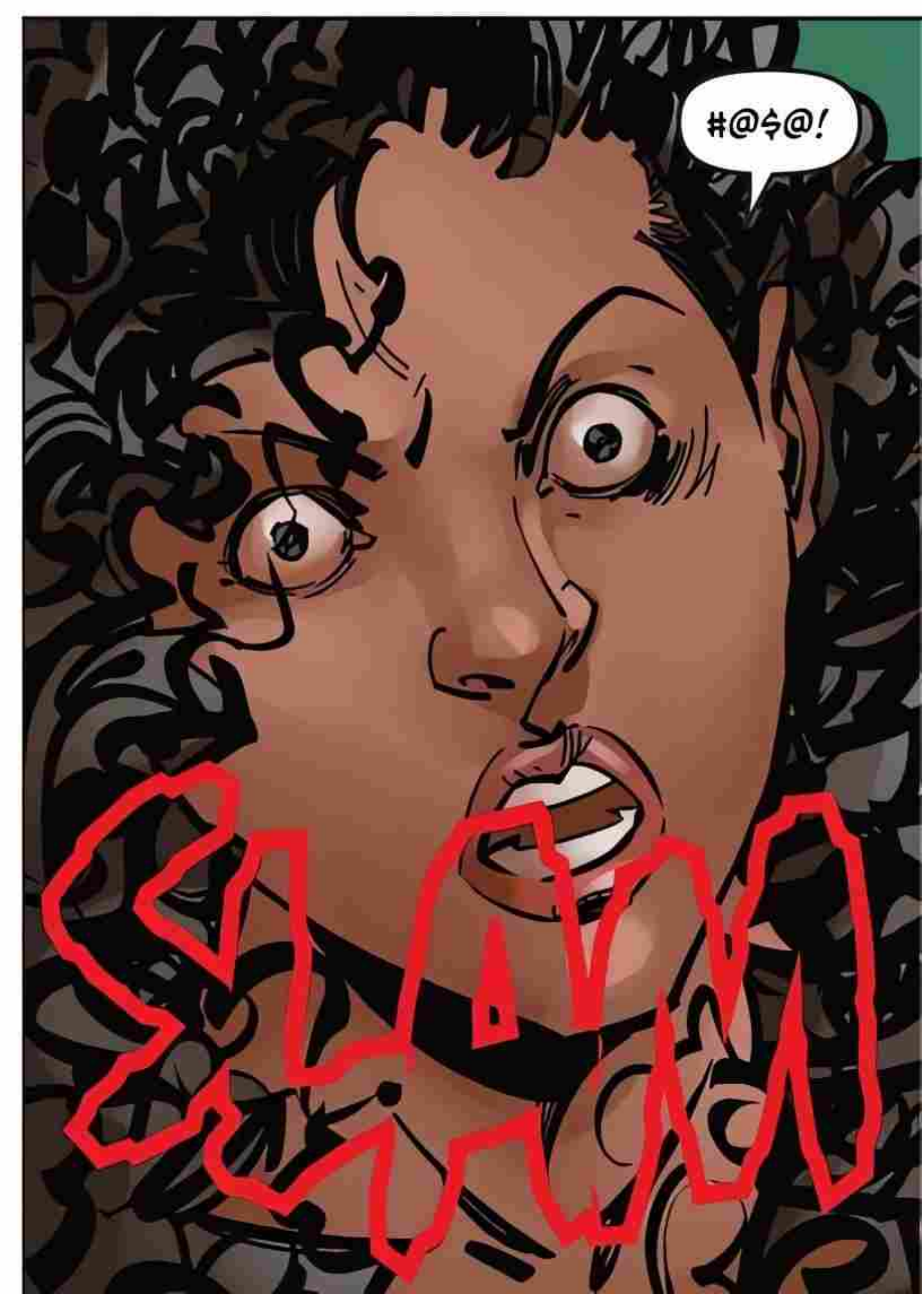
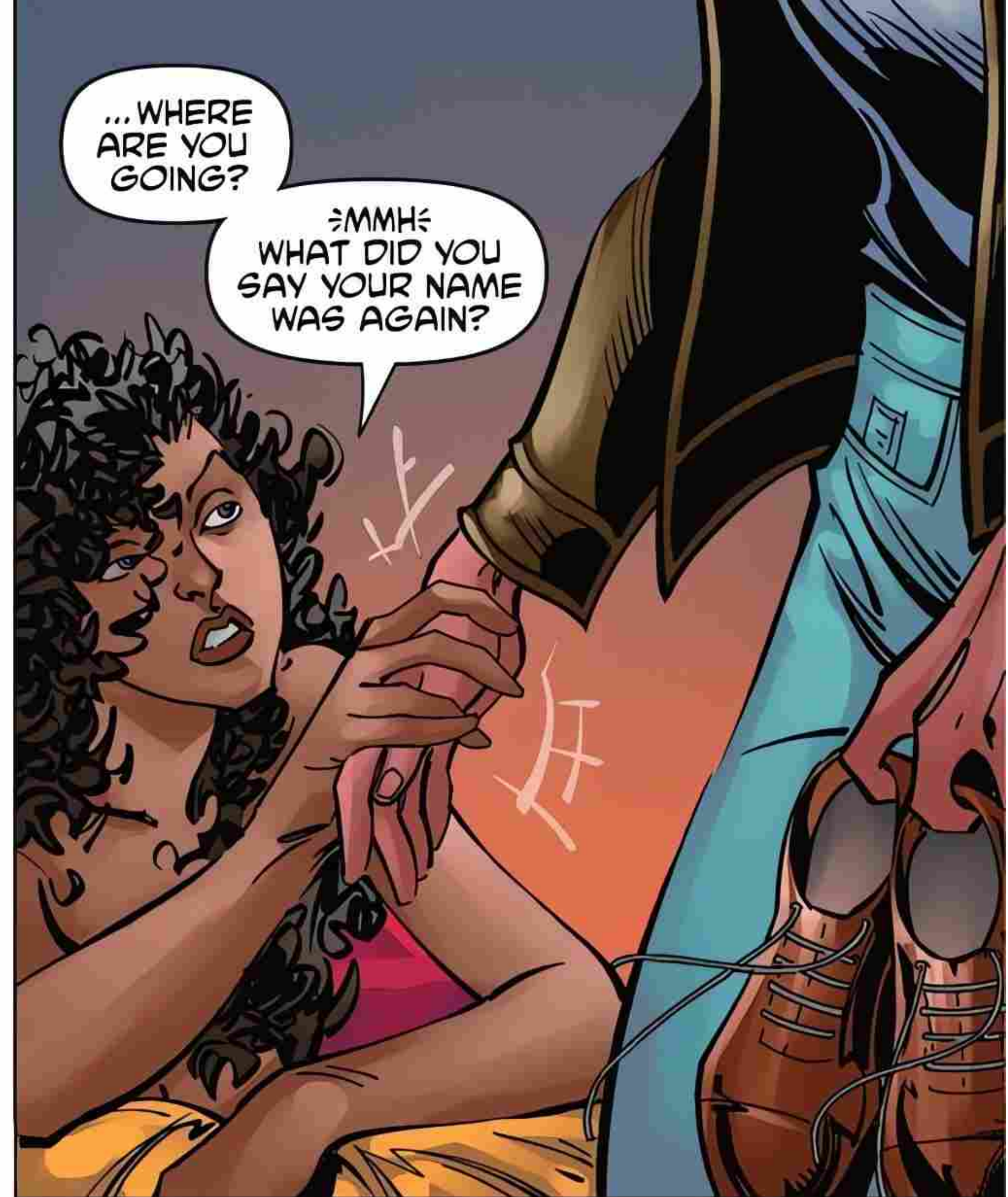
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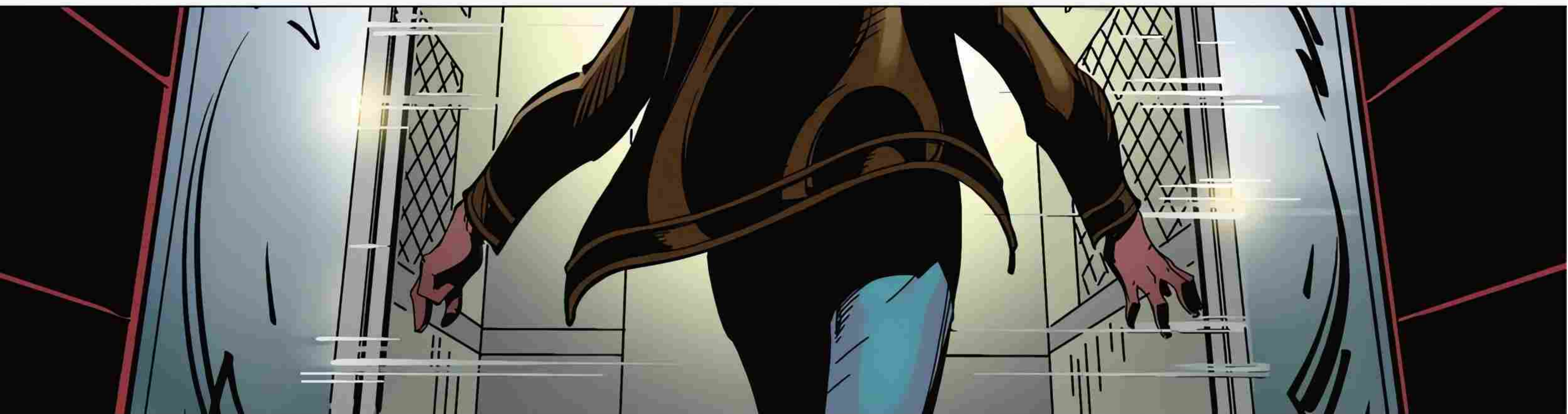


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YES,
DOC?

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TRYING TO GET
IN TOUCH.

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PROUDLY
PRESENTS:
THE VIGIL

IN SHADOW



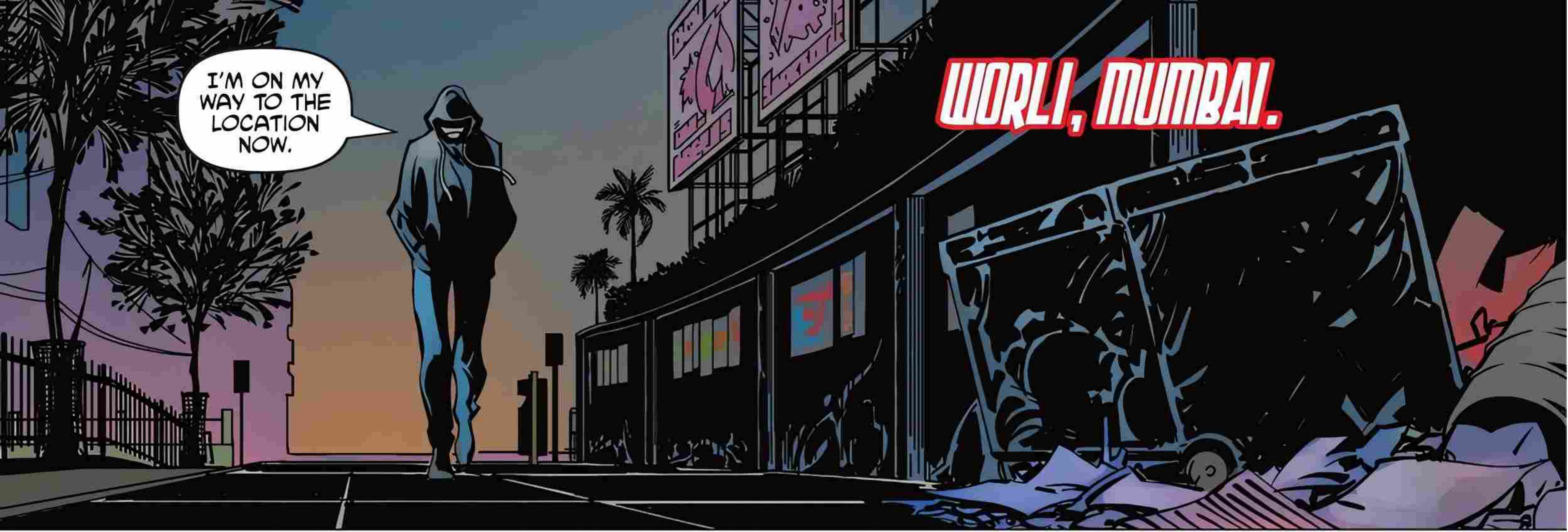
JUST TOOK SOME
PERSONAL TIME, DOC. TO
GET MY HEAD STRAIGHT...
DEAL WITH THE PAIN.

IS IT
BAD?

DON'T
WORRY,
DOC.

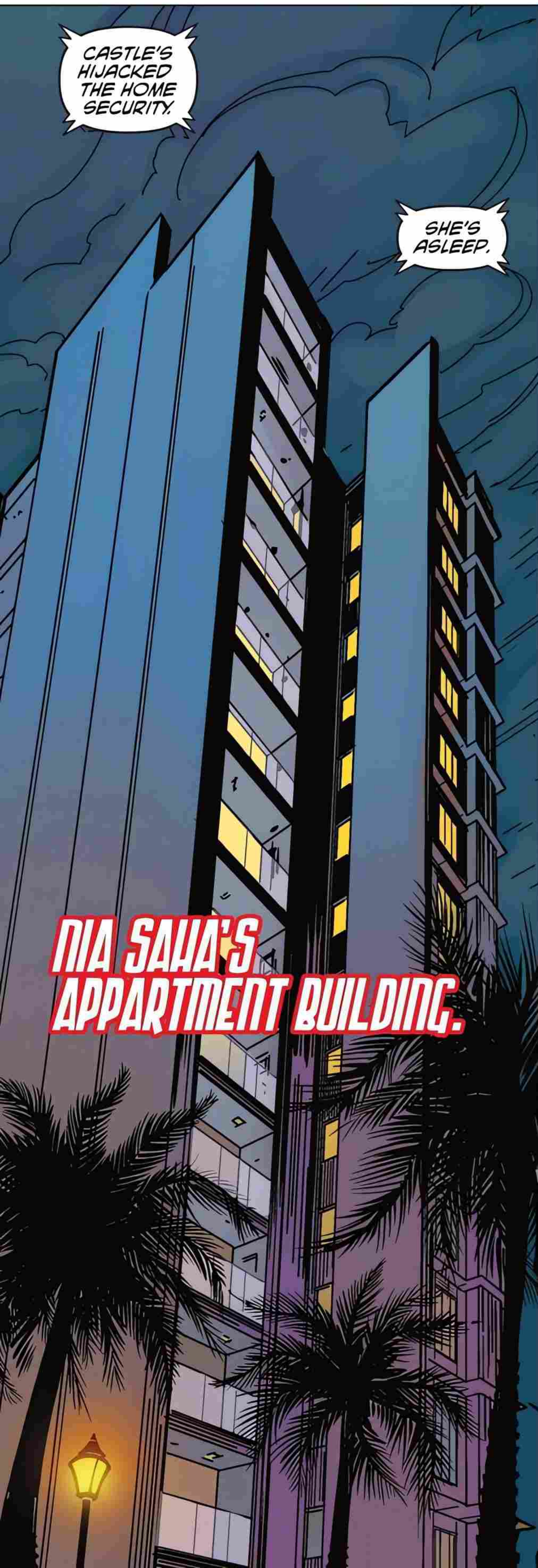
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I'M ON MY WAY TO THE LOCATION NOW.

WORLI, MUMBAI.



CASTLE'S HIJACKED THE HOME SECURITY.

SHE'S ASLEEP.

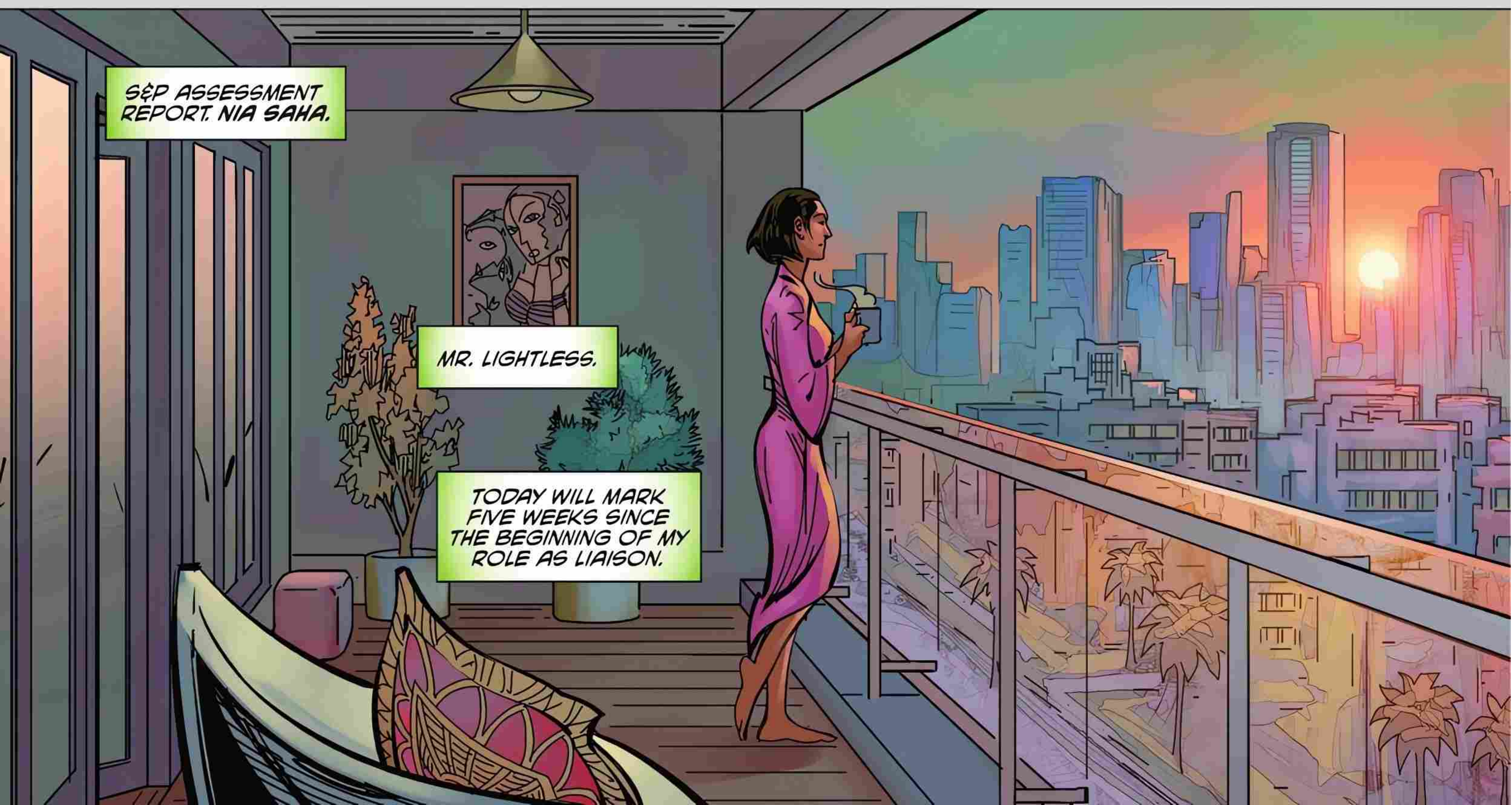
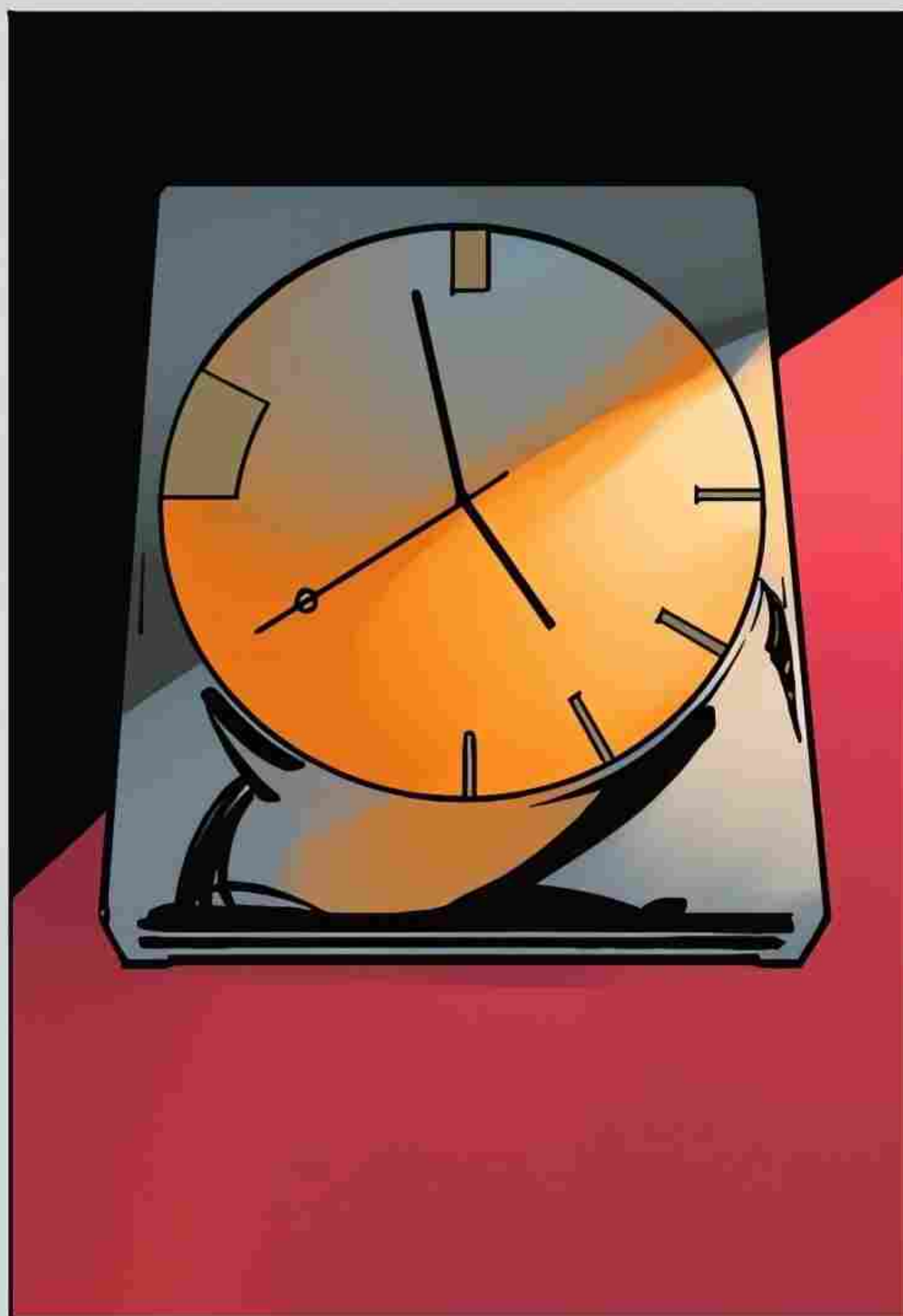
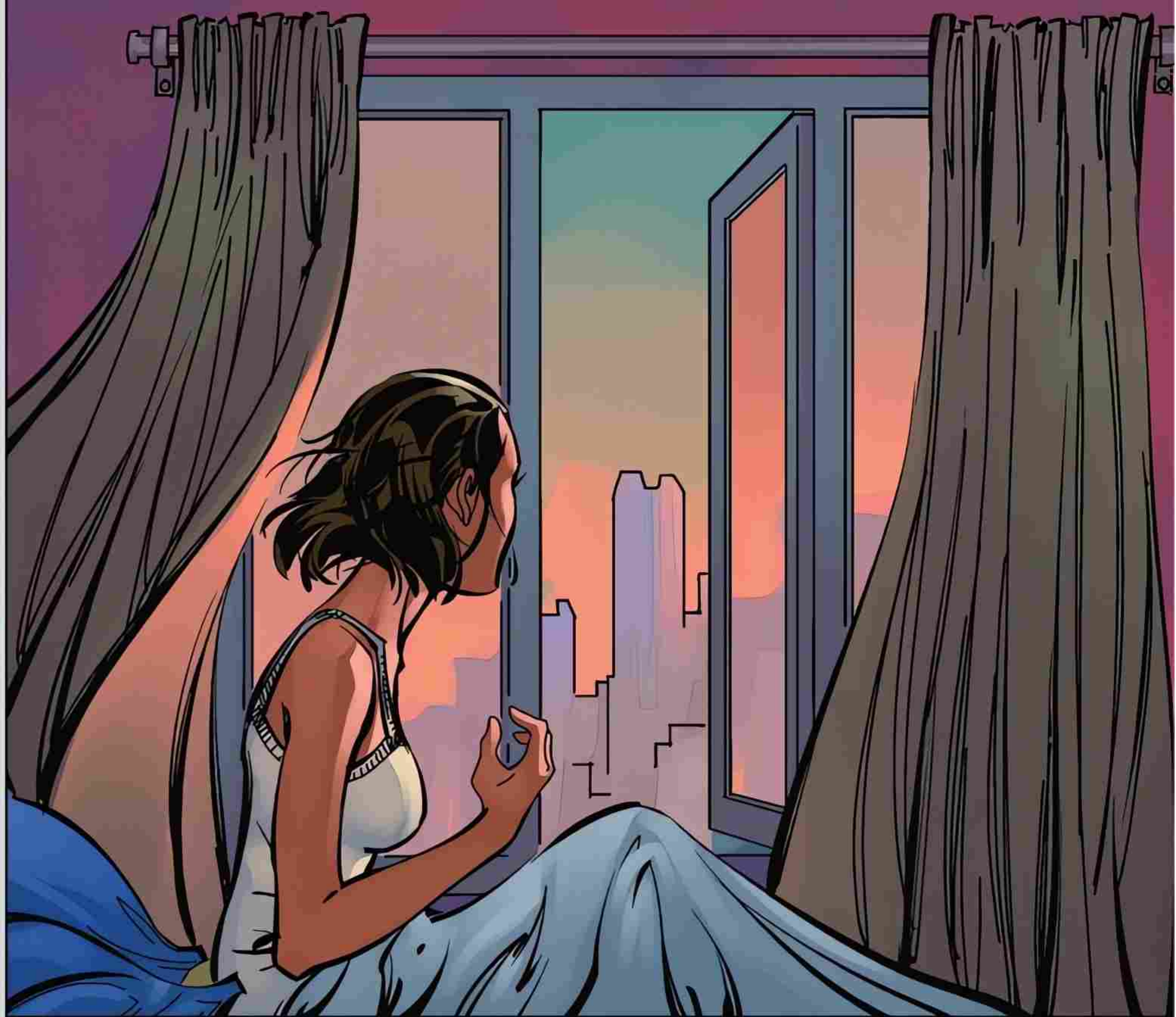
NIA SAHA'S APARTMENT BUILDING.



YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO.



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S&P ASSESSMENT
REPORT. NIA SAHA.

MR. LIGHTLESS.

TODAY WILL MARK
FIVE WEEKS SINCE
THE BEGINNING OF MY
ROLE AS LIAISON.

IN THAT TIME, I'VE OBSERVED
AND ASSESSED THE CAPABILITIES,
OPERATIONAL METHODS, AND INNER
WORKINGS OF THIS TEAM.

AND IN MY PROFESSIONAL
OPINION, AS OUTLINED IN
THIS REPORT...

... I HAVE NEVER BEFORE
COME ACROSS A MORE
DYSFUNCTIONAL, DANGEROUS,
OR RECKLESS COMBINATION
OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ONLY
LOOSELY FIT THE DEFINITION
OF A TEAM.

OKAY...

... EVERYBODY
JUMP.

FOR INSTANCE, TAKE
THE LAST UNDERTAKING
OF THE GROUP KNOWN
AS THE VIGIL.

PREY LANG, CAMBODIA.

DR. SANKARAN HAD
OUTLINED OUR NEXT TARGET.

A POSSIBLE LOCATION
FOR A WORLD WAR II
ERA BUNKER INSIDE
FREY LANG FOREST.

AGAIN, WE WERE GIVEN NO
INDICATION AS TO...HOW HE
KNEW OF THE INSTALLATION
OR WHAT LAY WITHIN.

AND IN YET
ANOTHER CASE
OF POOR
INTEL, WHEN WE
ARRIVED
ON SITE, WHAT
AWAITED US...

HOLY #&@%,
DOC! YOU MIGHT
WANNA HAVE A
LOOK AT THIS.

... WAS WELL
BEYOND SOME
OLD BUNKER.

AND WAS FAR
FROM ABANDONED.





IT IS MY ASSESSMENT THAT
MAJOR KHAN--ARCLIGHT HAS
UNDERLYING ISSUES WITH HIS
TEMPERAMENT AND A
TENDENCY TOWARD VIOLENCE.

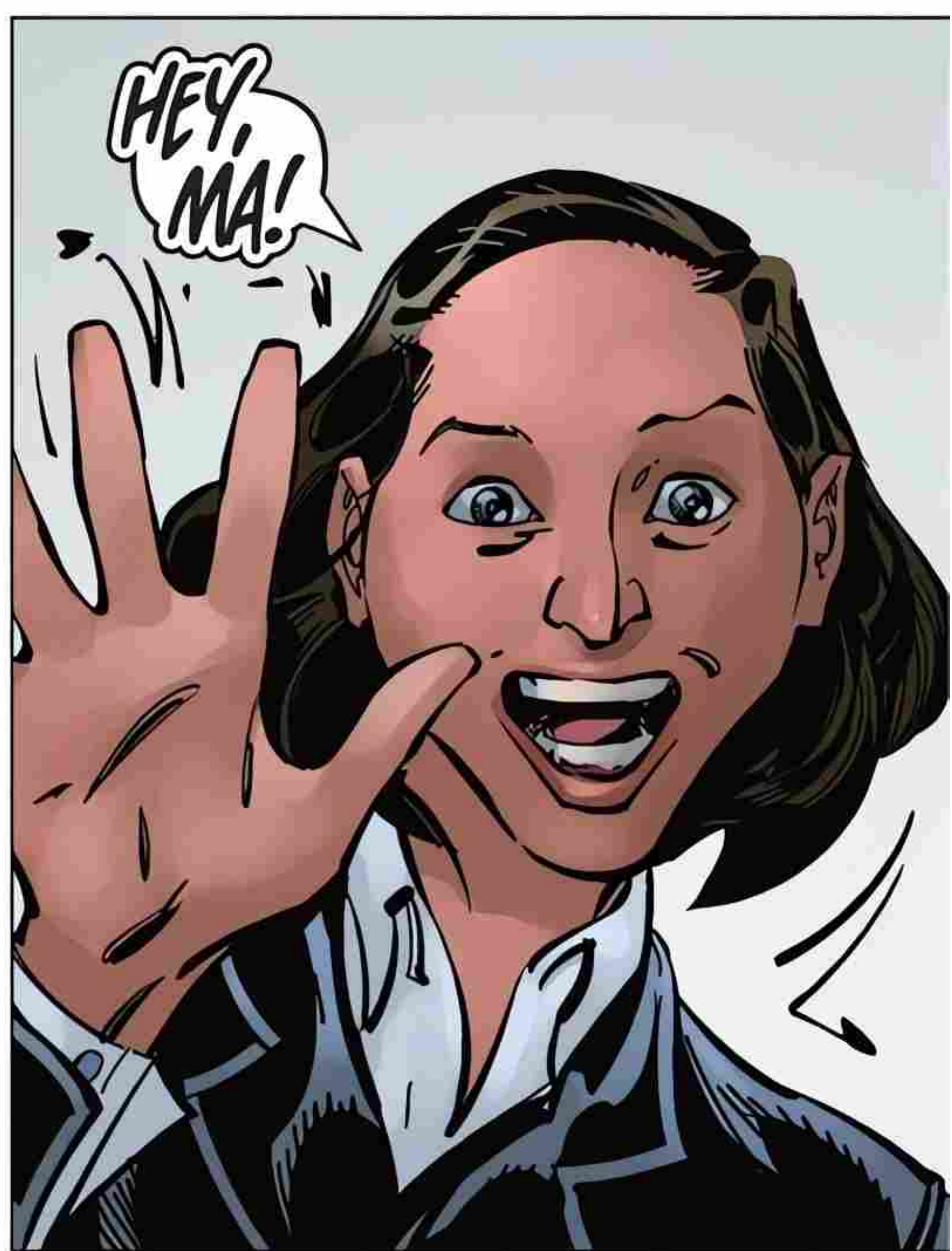
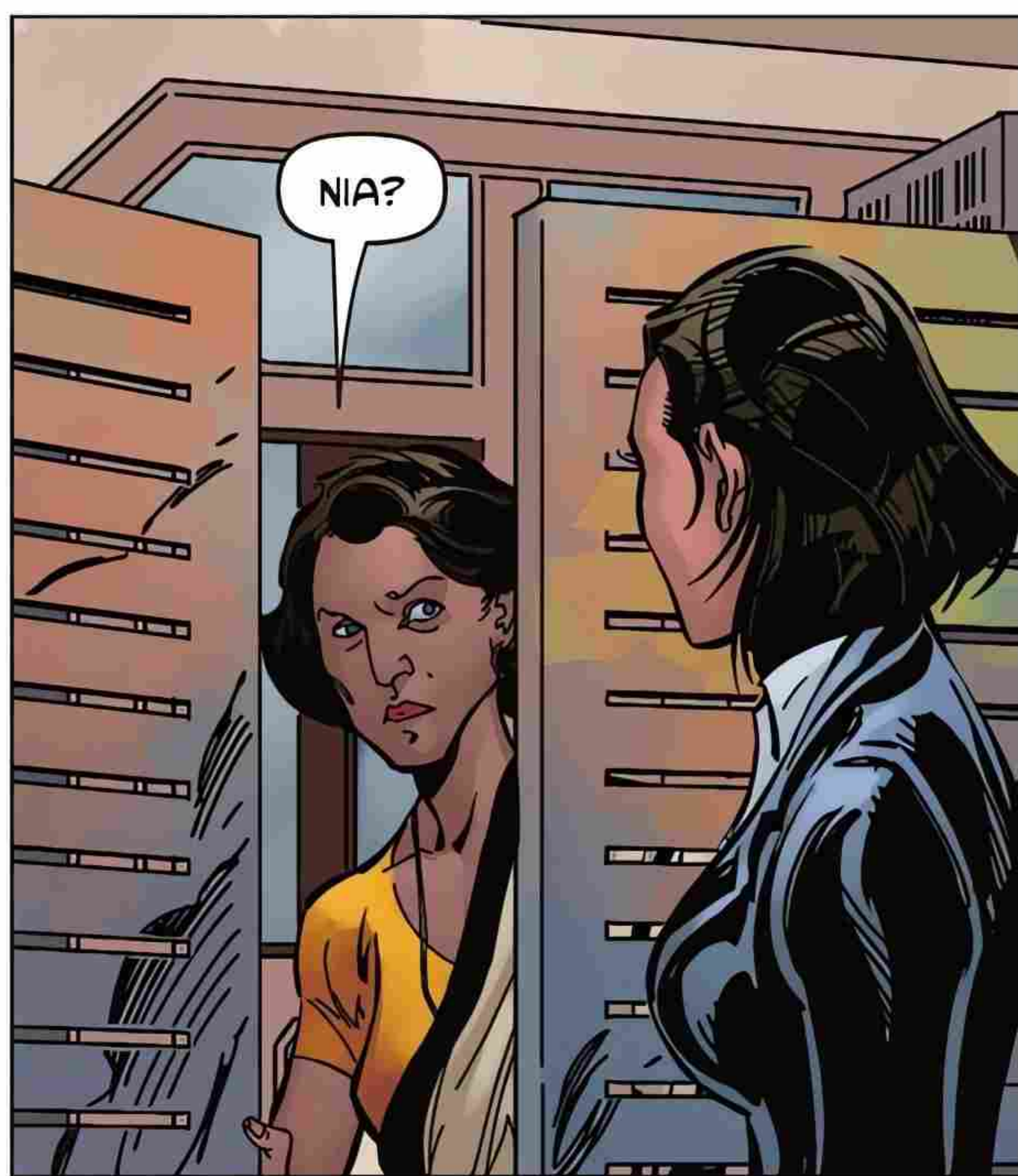
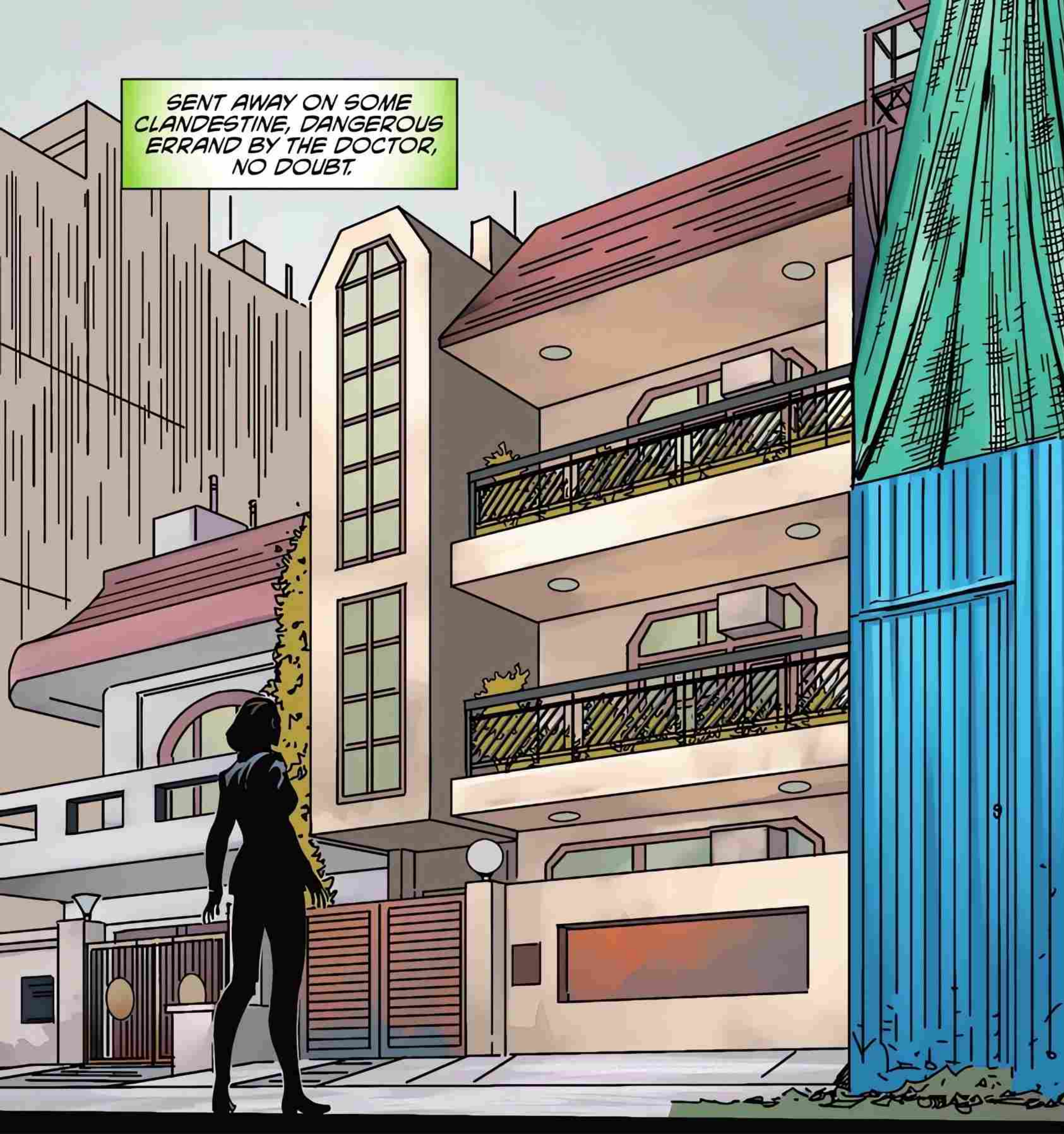
AND AS SUCH, HIS DE FACTO
POSITION AS LEADER OF THIS
GROUP MAKES THEM RECKLESS.

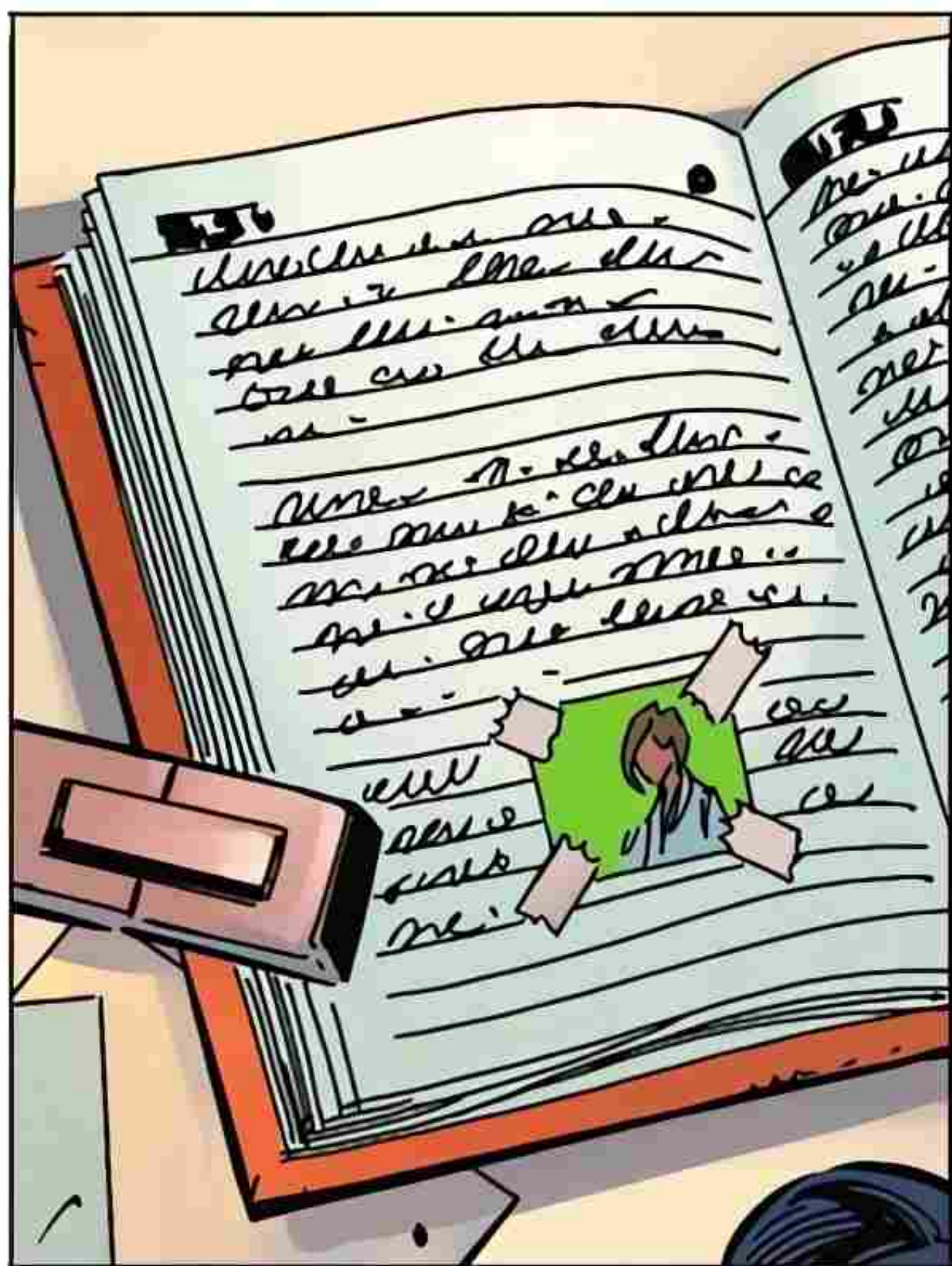
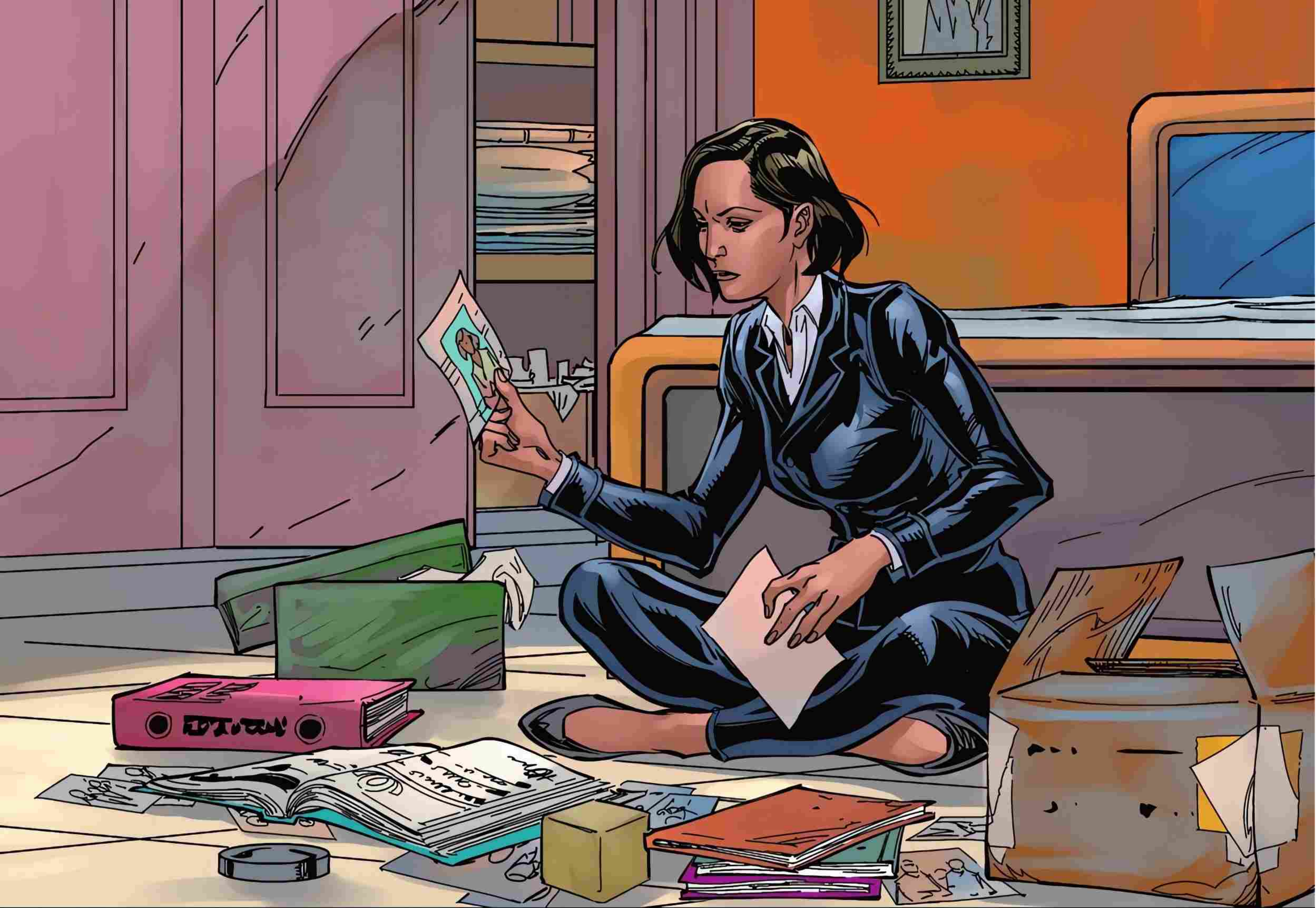
A FEW MINUTES IN AND
WE WERE ALREADY ON THE
BRINK OF ANOTHER MASS
ELECTROCUTION.

WE WERE A BLUNT
INSTRUMENT WHERE A
LOCKPICK WAS NEEDED.

BUT THE ONE
TEAM MEMBER WHO
SPECIALIZES IN
INFILTRATION WAS
NOT WITH US.

SENT AWAY ON SOME
CLANDESTINE, DANGEROUS
ERRAND BY THE DOCTOR,
NO DOUBT.







THE DOCTOR'S MOTIVES AND MACHINATIONS ARE WHAT CONCERN ME THE MOST.

THE TEAM RELIES HEAVILY ON HIS KNOW-HOW AND INTELLIGENCE, WHICH HAS ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION LET THEM DOWN.

ANYTIME NOW, ARCLIGHT!

ARC, WAIT!



IN FACT, I AM BEGINNING TO SUSPECT THE DOCTOR IS INTENTIONALLY KEEPING THINGS FROM US.



IN THIS CASE, HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR DODGE'S INTERVENTION, INNOCENT LIVES MAY HAVE BEEN MADE COLLATERAL DAMAGE.



SHE MIGHT BE THE ONE MEMBER OF THIS TEAM DEMONSTRATING SOME MEASURE OF BALANCE AND RESTRAINT.

THEY'RE HUMAN...NOT EVEN SOLDIERS, REALLY.



JUST REGULAR PEOPLE.

AS WE NEARED THE SETTLEMENT IN THE FOREST, IT BECAME INCREASINGLY APPARENT THAT THINGS WERE BEYOND ORDINARY.

IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, SCIENTISTS FROM JAPAN'S INFAMOUS 731 UNIT SCATTERED TO THE WIND TO ESCAPE JUSTICE.

SOME OF THEM CONTINUED THEIR WORK IN SECRET. YOSHIHARA WAS OBSESSED WITH THE *RUSSIAN SLEEP EXPERIMENT* IN PARTICULAR.

THEY THEORIZED THAT A *SLEEP-DEPRIVED* SUBJECT WAS PARTICULARLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO *SUGGESTION*.

WORD HAS IT YOSHIHARA ABDUCTED NEAK TA PRIESTS, POWERFUL SHAMAN *PSYCHICS*, AND *SUBJECTED* THEM TO SLEEP DEPRIVATION.

THEN HE SUGGESTED TO THEM A FUTURE OF GRAND CITIES AND MAGICAL TECHNOLOGIES... HOPING THAT A POWERFUL PSYCHIC WOULD, IN HIS WAKING DREAM, *WILL* IT IN TO EXISTENCE.

"SOMEWHERE HERE, A HUNDRED-AND-SOMETHING-YEAR-OLD IS *DREAMING* THIS PLACE INTO *REALITY*."

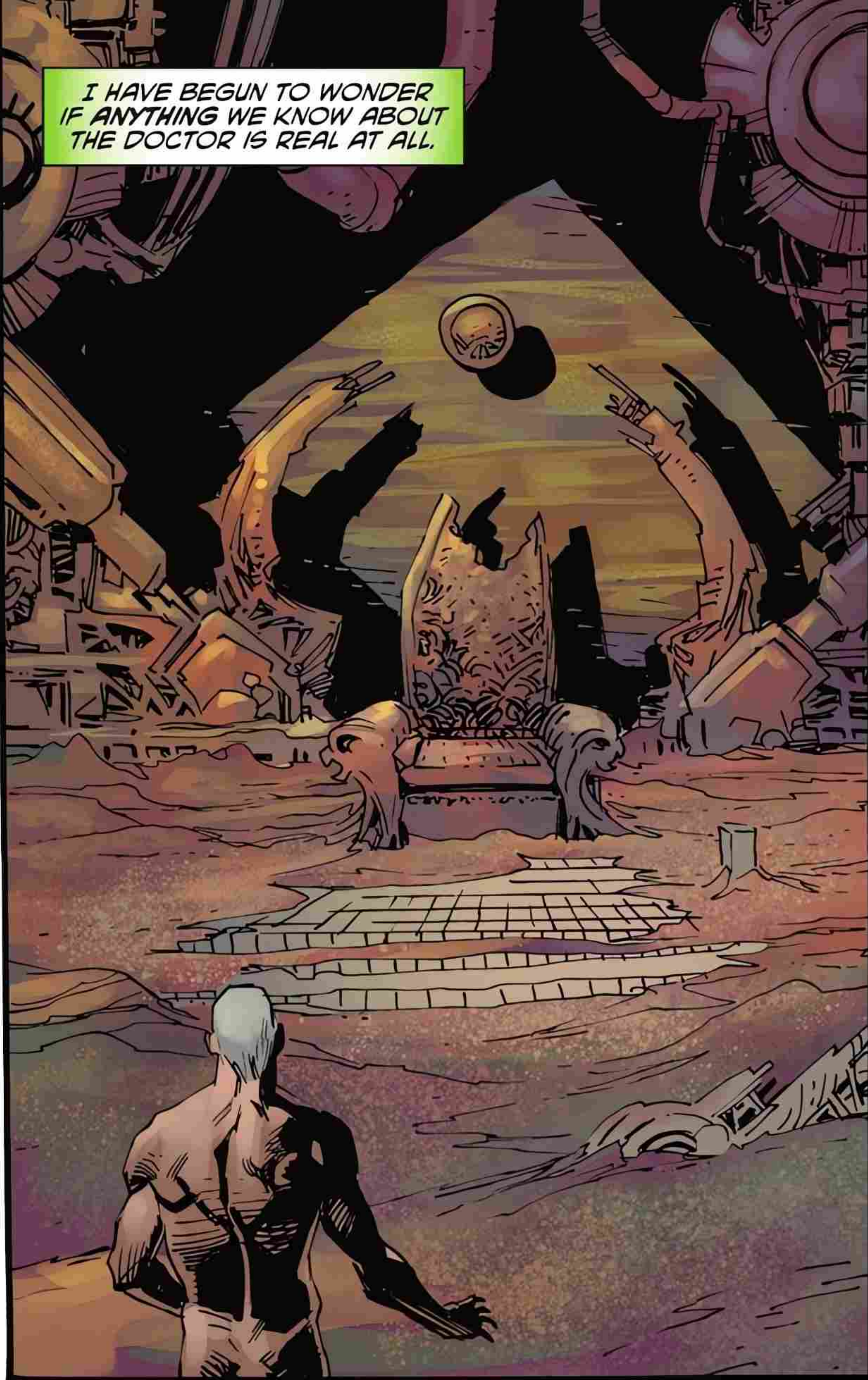
I ASKED DR. SANKARAN HOW HE HAD KNOWN ALL THIS. AND AGAIN HE AVOIDED AN ANSWER.

I AM CONVINCED
IT HAS SOMETHING
TO DO WITH HIS
UNEXPLAINED
DISAPPEARANCES.

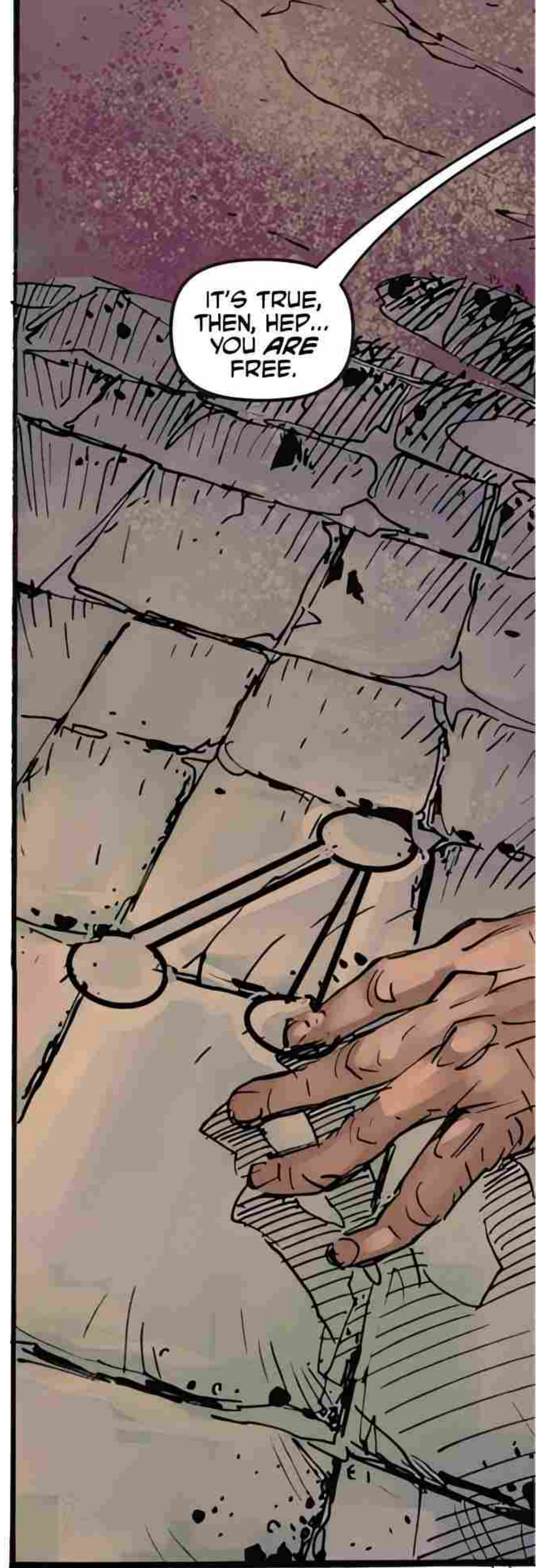
MORE
SECRETS.



I HAVE BEGUN TO WONDER
IF ANYTHING WE KNOW ABOUT
THE DOCTOR IS REAL AT ALL.



IT'S TRUE,
THEN, HEP...
YOU **ARE**
FREE.



INSTEAD OF ANSWERS, I WAS
TOLD TO STAY OUT OF THE
SETTLEMENT--FOR MY OWN SAFETY.

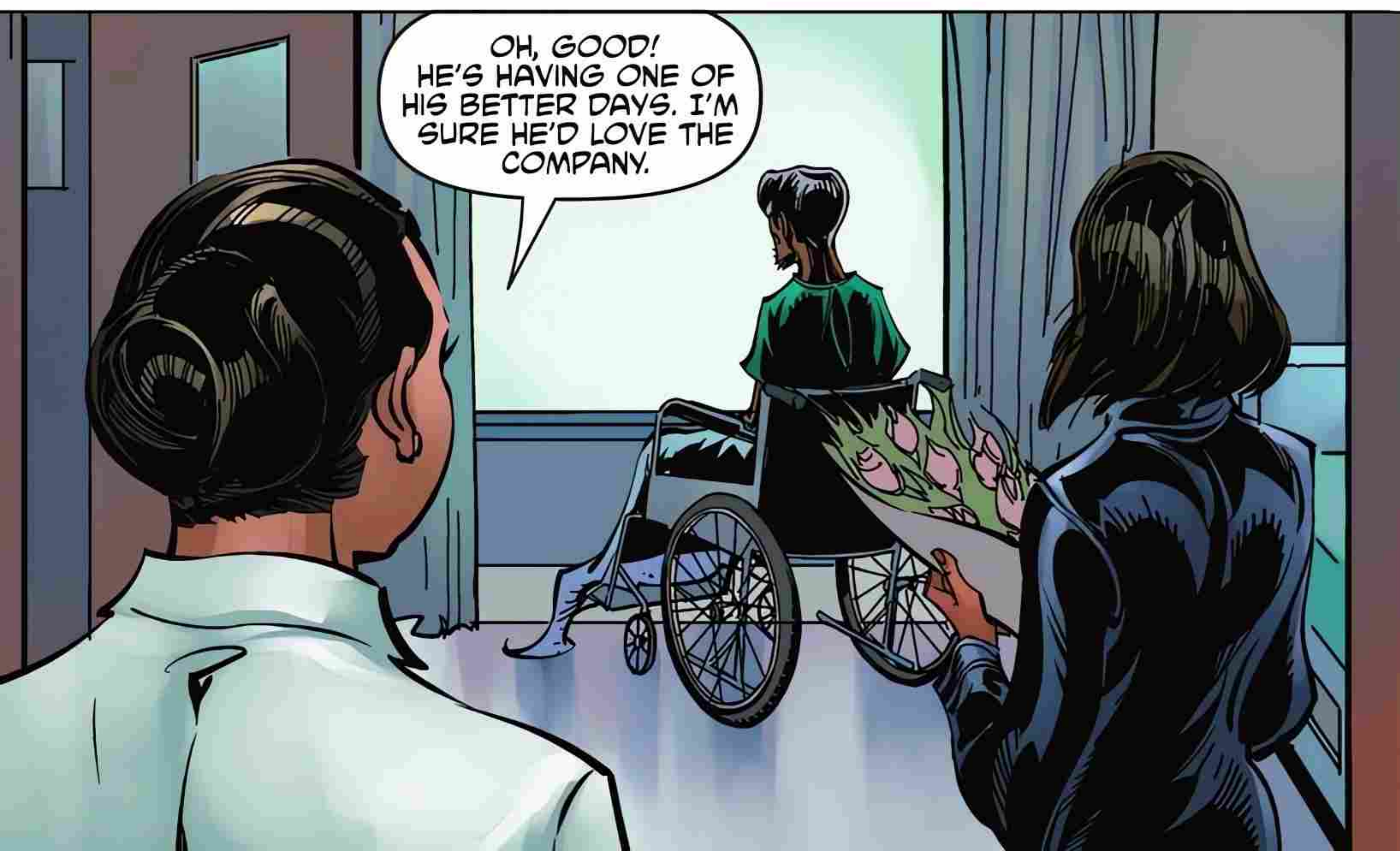
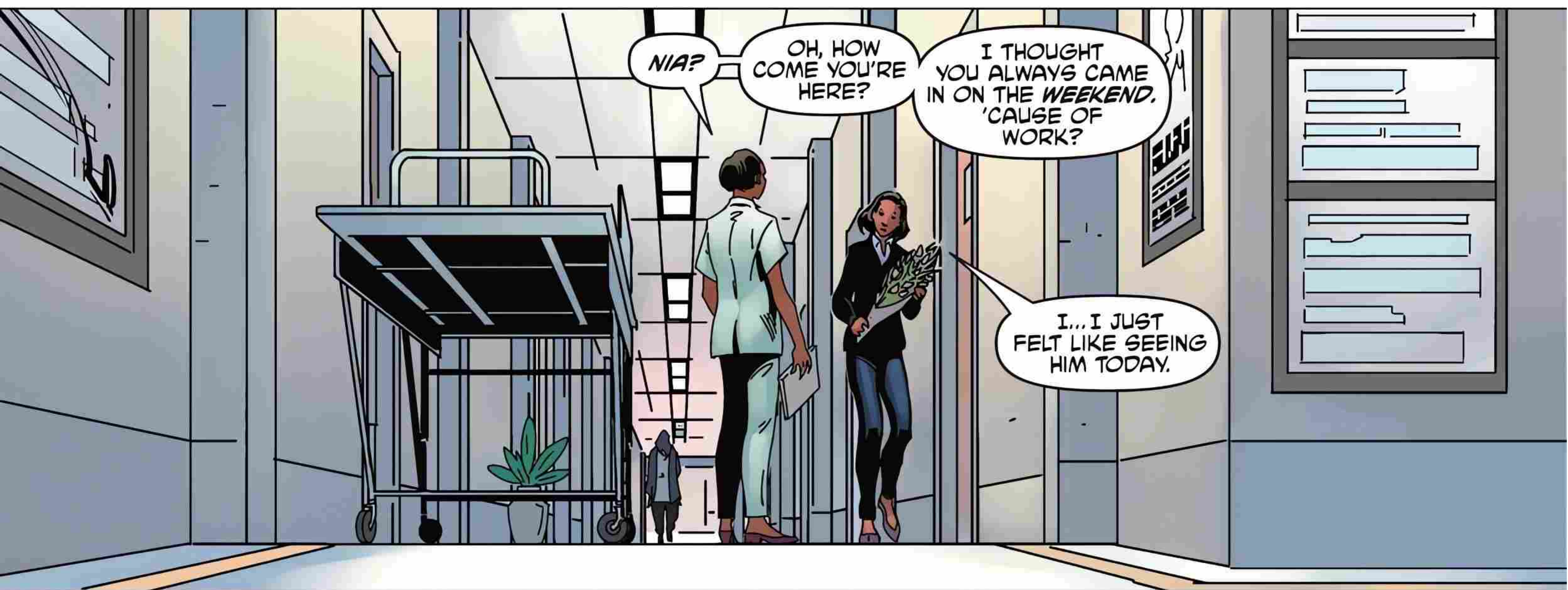
I PROTESTED, BUT THERE WASN'T MUCH TIME
TO ADDRESS THEIR DISTRUST OF ME.

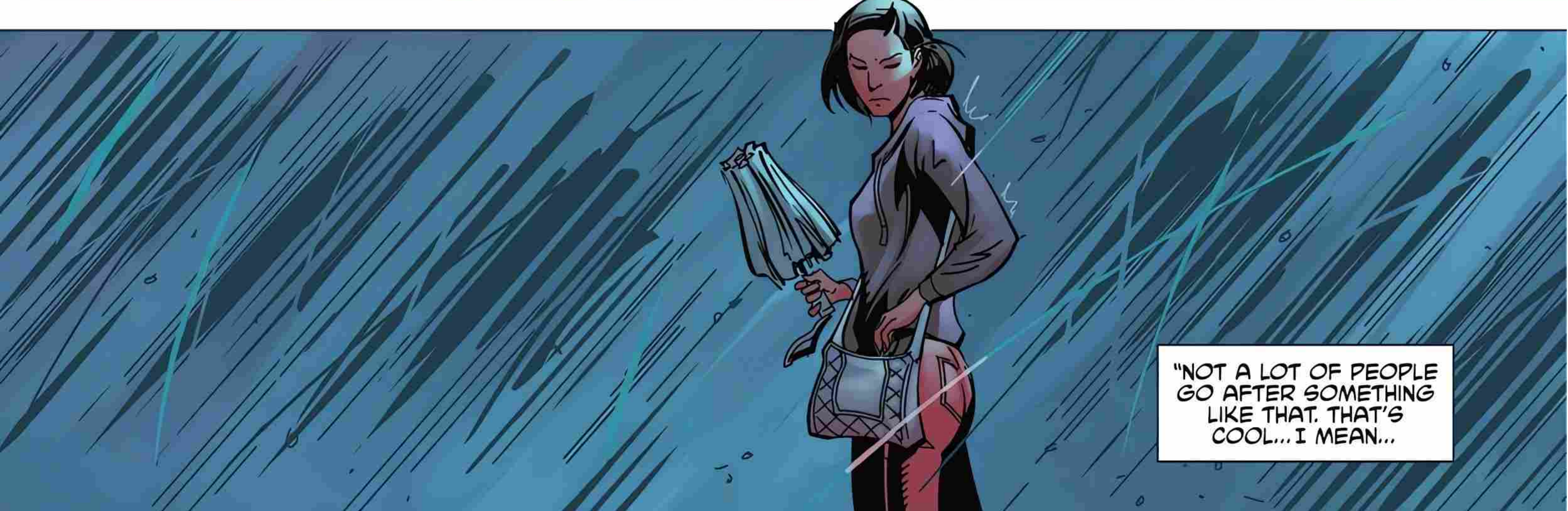
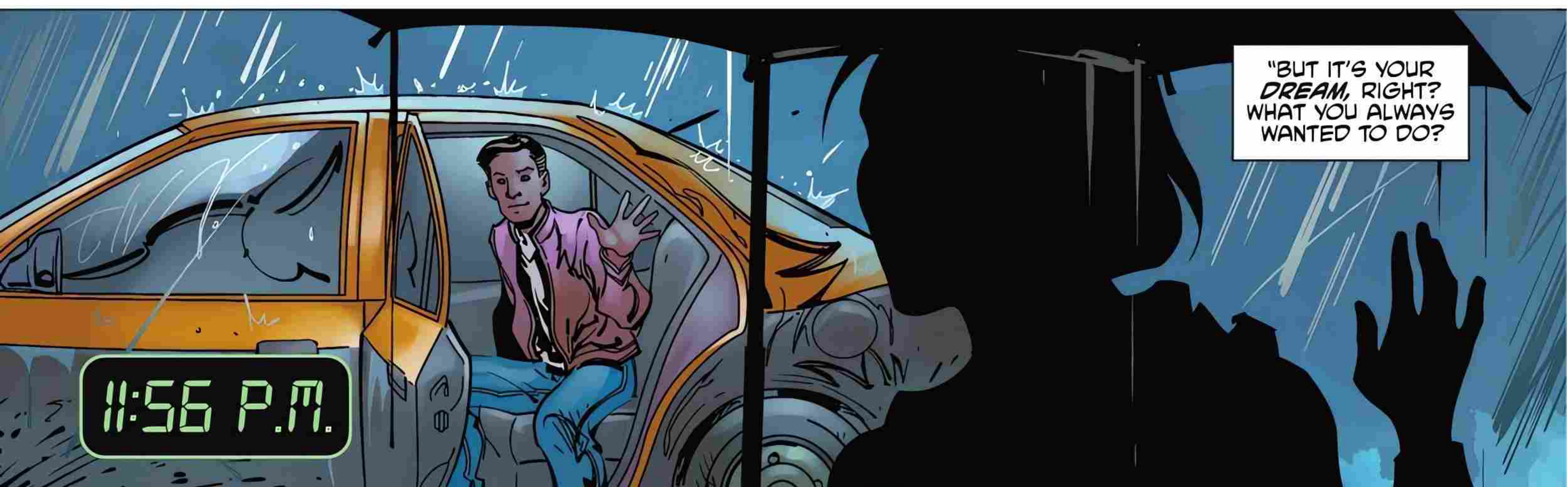
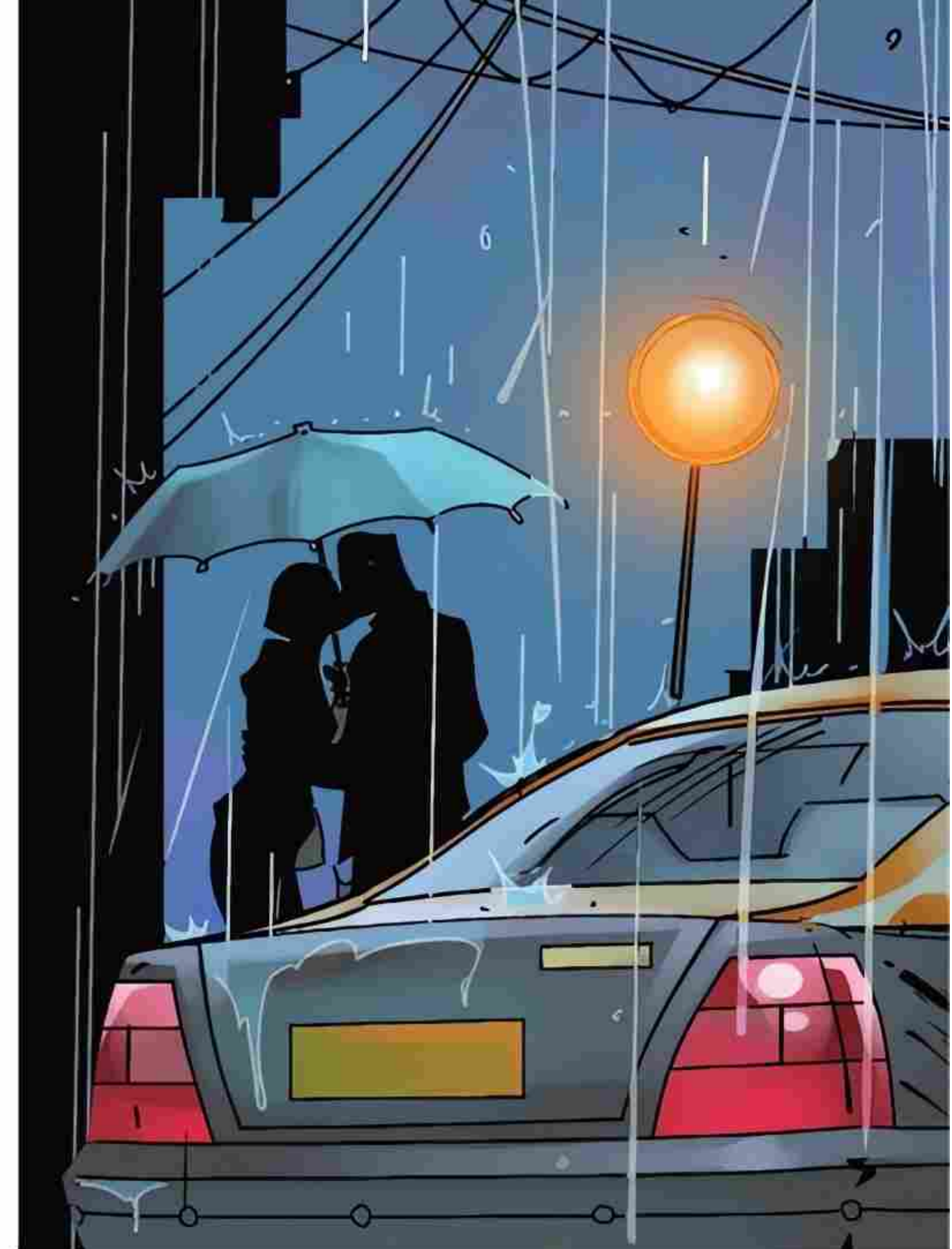


AS THEY WANDERED DEEPER
INSIDE THE SETTLEMENT, THEY BEGAN
TO SUCCUMB TO THE DREAM.

SHARING IN THE PRIEST'S
WAKING DELUSION...







IN THE END, IT WAS ONLY THE DOCTOR AND CASTLE WHO MADE IT TO THE BUNKER ITSELF.

I COULD NOT HELP BUT APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF IT. A HARSH, ABANDONED TRUTH OF EXISTENCE--MADE BEAUTIFUL, PALATABLE, BY A LITTLE WORLD OF LIES BUILT AROUND IT.

IRONIC THAT EVEN AS THE DOCTOR BEGAN TO FEEL THE EFFECTS OF THE SHAMAN'S POWERFUL MIND...

...THE ONLY ONE UNAFFECTED BY IT WAS ALSO THE ONLY ONE OF US INCAPABLE OF APPRECIATING ITS BEAUTY.

I ASKED HIM HOW HE REMAINED UNAFFECTED, AND HE ANSWERED...

MY MIND, MS. SAHA, IS INCAPABLE OF THE LITTLE HUMAN PRETENSIONS. EMOTION, RATIONALIZATION, ASPIRATION, DESPAIR.

I ONLY DEAL WITH **FACTS**. I SAW THE CITY... BUT KNEW IT TO BE A **LIE**. I SEE THE DREAMER BEFORE ME... BUT NO DREAMS.

ONLY A PATHETIC OLD MAN WHO HASN'T SLEPT IN A LONG TIME.

I AM GOING TO SHOVE THIS PEN INTO HIS EAR. END THIS.

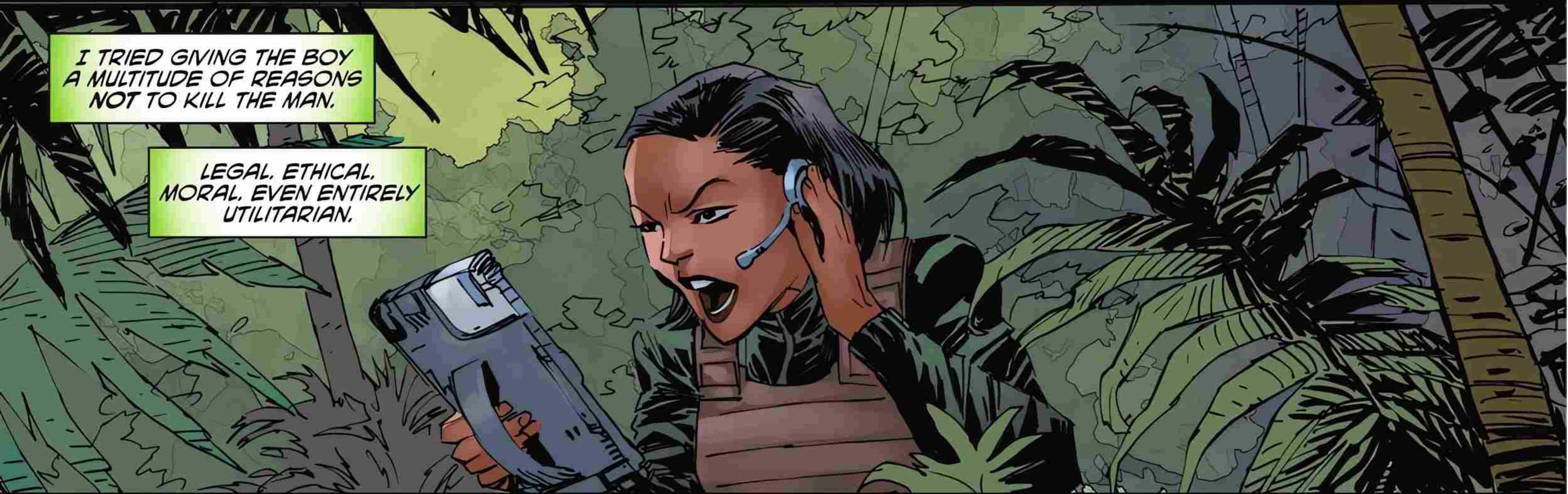
WHICH BRINGS US TO THE FINAL MEMBER OF THIS TEAM AND PERHAPS THE ONE WHO SCARES ME THE MOST.

DOES THIS MERCURIAL TEAM REALLY NEED A SOCIOPATH INCAPABLE OF COMPASSION OR EMPATHY?

I ASKED DR. SANKARAN EARLY ON, WHY IS CASTLE ON THIS TEAM? TO WHICH HE ONLY REPLIED, "SO THAT HE IS NOT ON SOMEONE ELSE'S."

I TRIED GIVING THE BOY
A MULTITUDE OF REASONS
NOT TO KILL THE MAN.

LEGAL. ETHICAL.
MORAL. EVEN ENTIRELY
UTILITARIAN.



Please...little
child, can you hear
my voice in your
mind?

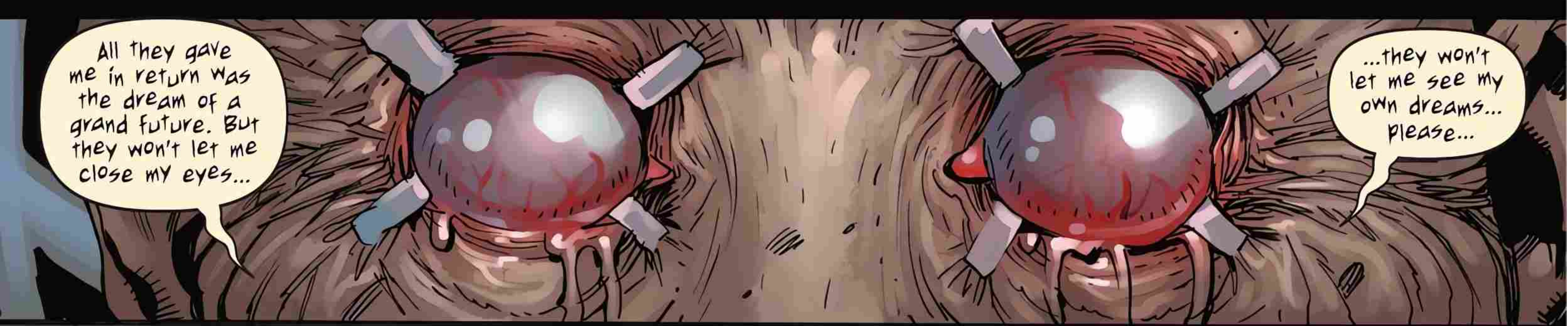
I haven't slept
in a very long time.
My body feeds
through tubes. My
blood is pumped
by a machine.

My flesh
has rotted and
I can feel my
bones turning
to dust.

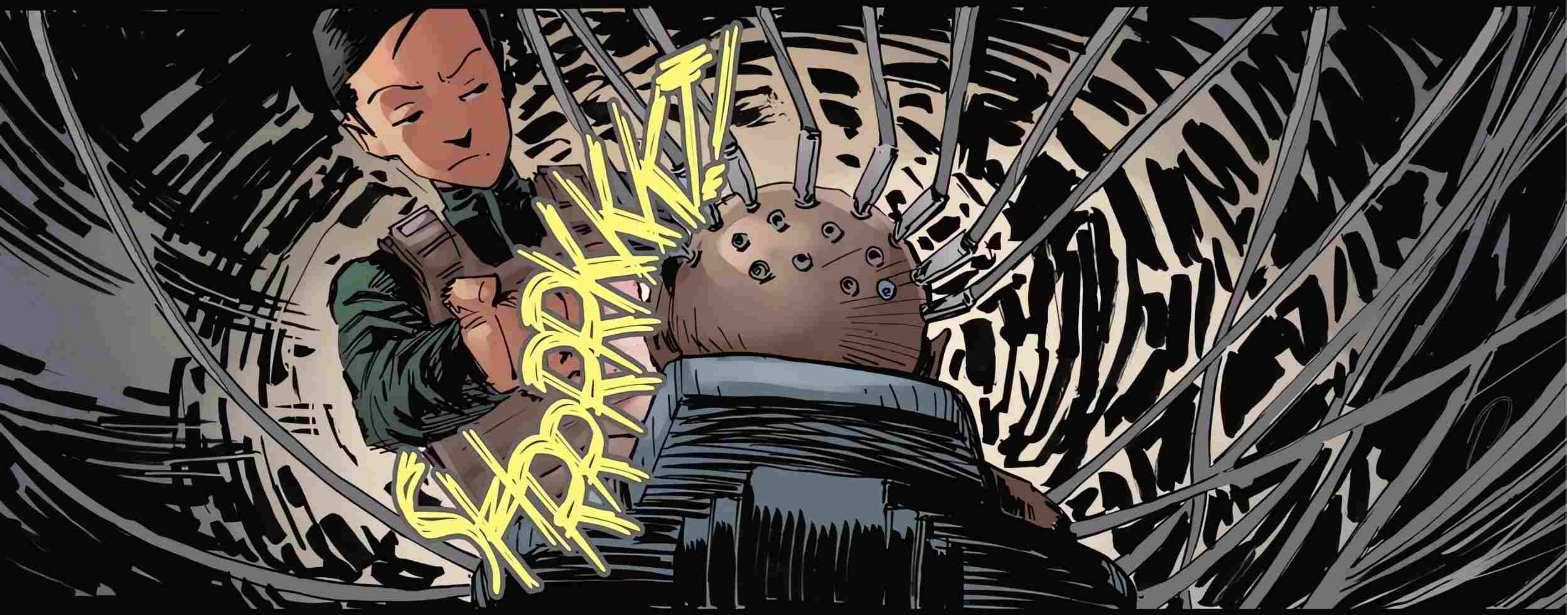


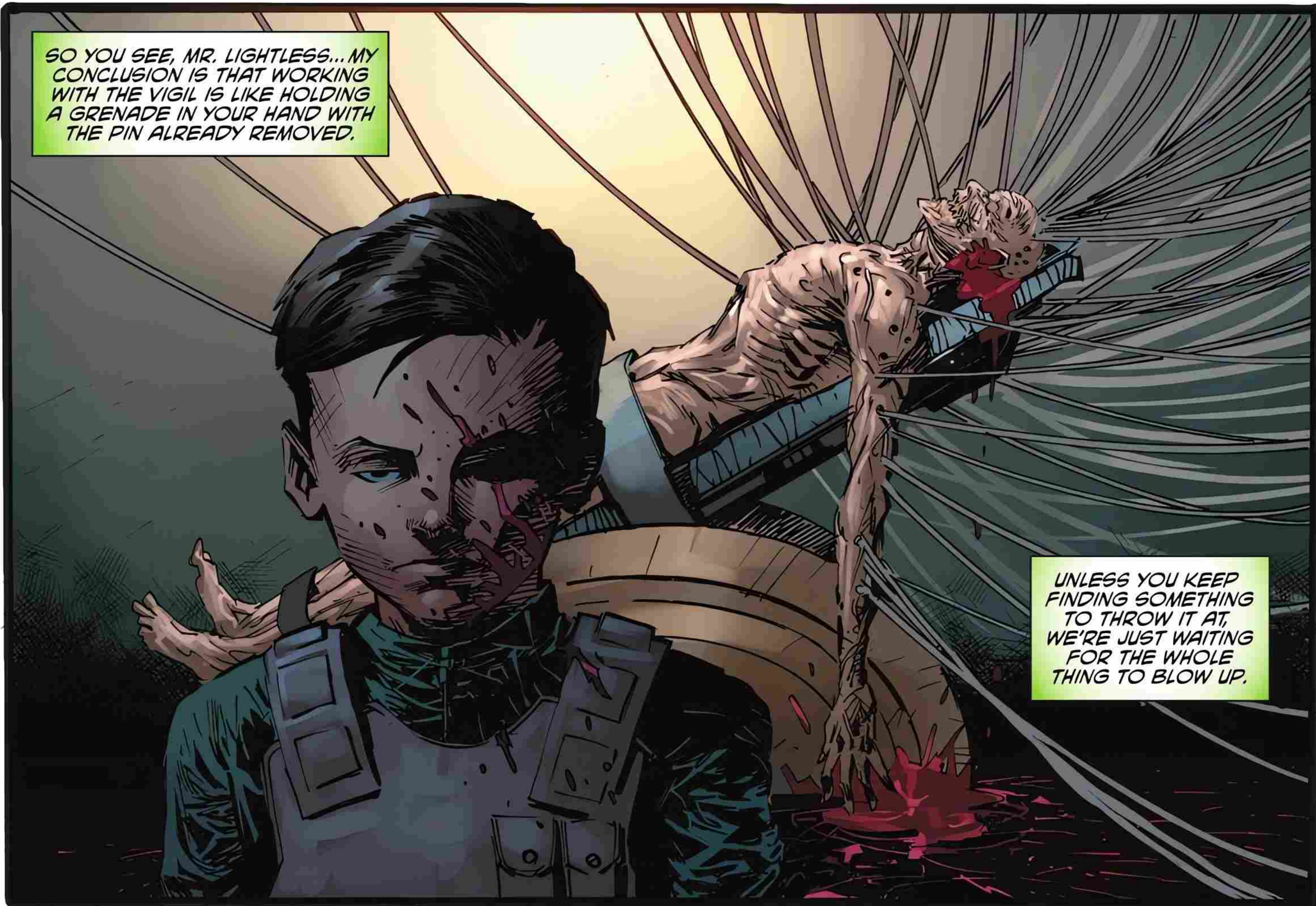
All they gave
me in return was
the dream of a
grand future. But
they won't let me
close my eyes...

...they won't
let me see my
own dreams...
please...



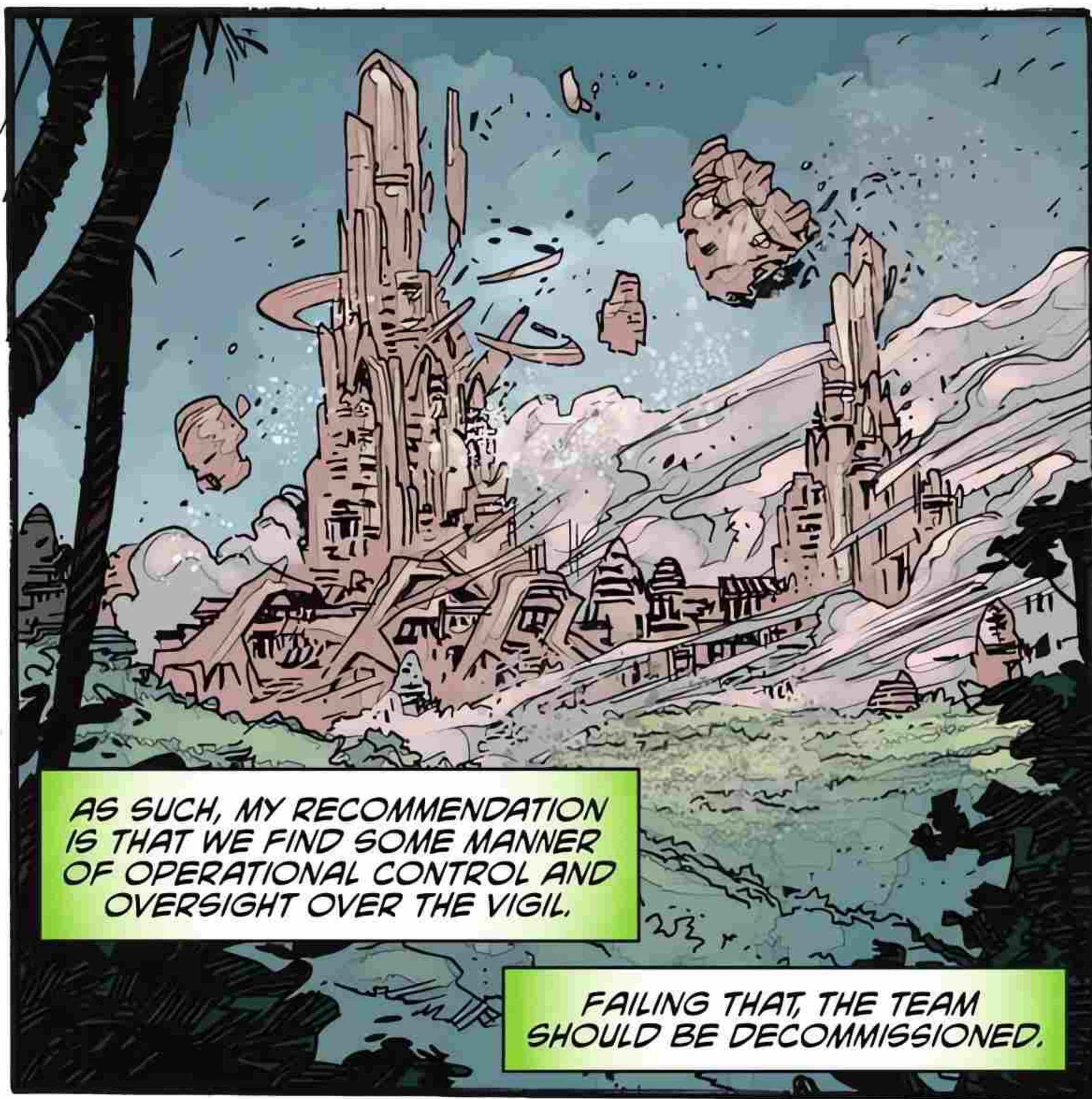
YOU
MAKE A FINE
ARGUMENT,
MS. SAHA.





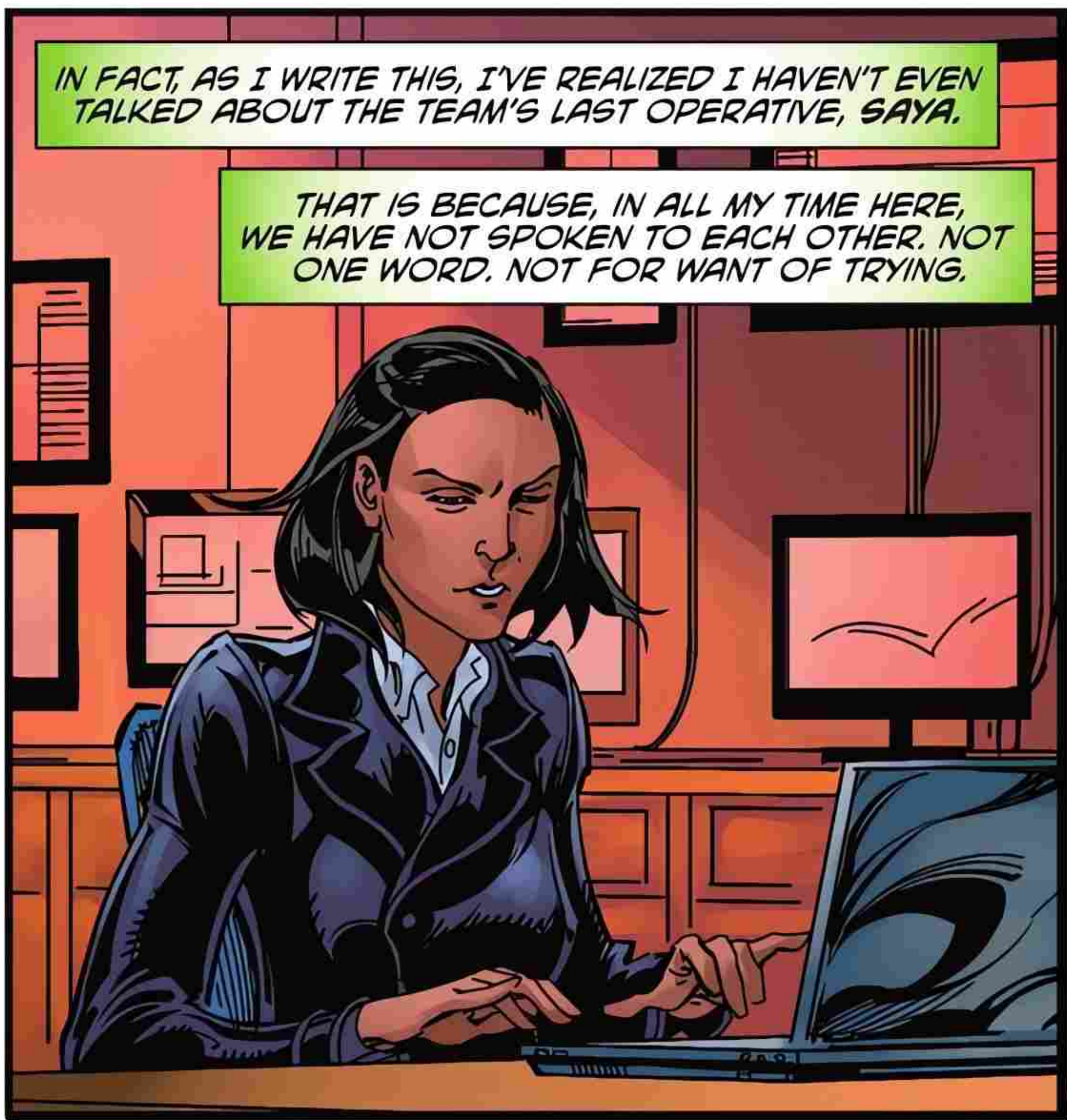
SO YOU SEE, MR. LIGHTLESS... MY CONCLUSION IS THAT WORKING WITH THE VIGIL IS LIKE HOLDING A GRENADE IN YOUR HAND WITH THE PIN ALREADY REMOVED.

UNLESS YOU KEEP FINDING SOMETHING TO THROW IT AT, WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR THE WHOLE THING TO BLOW UP.



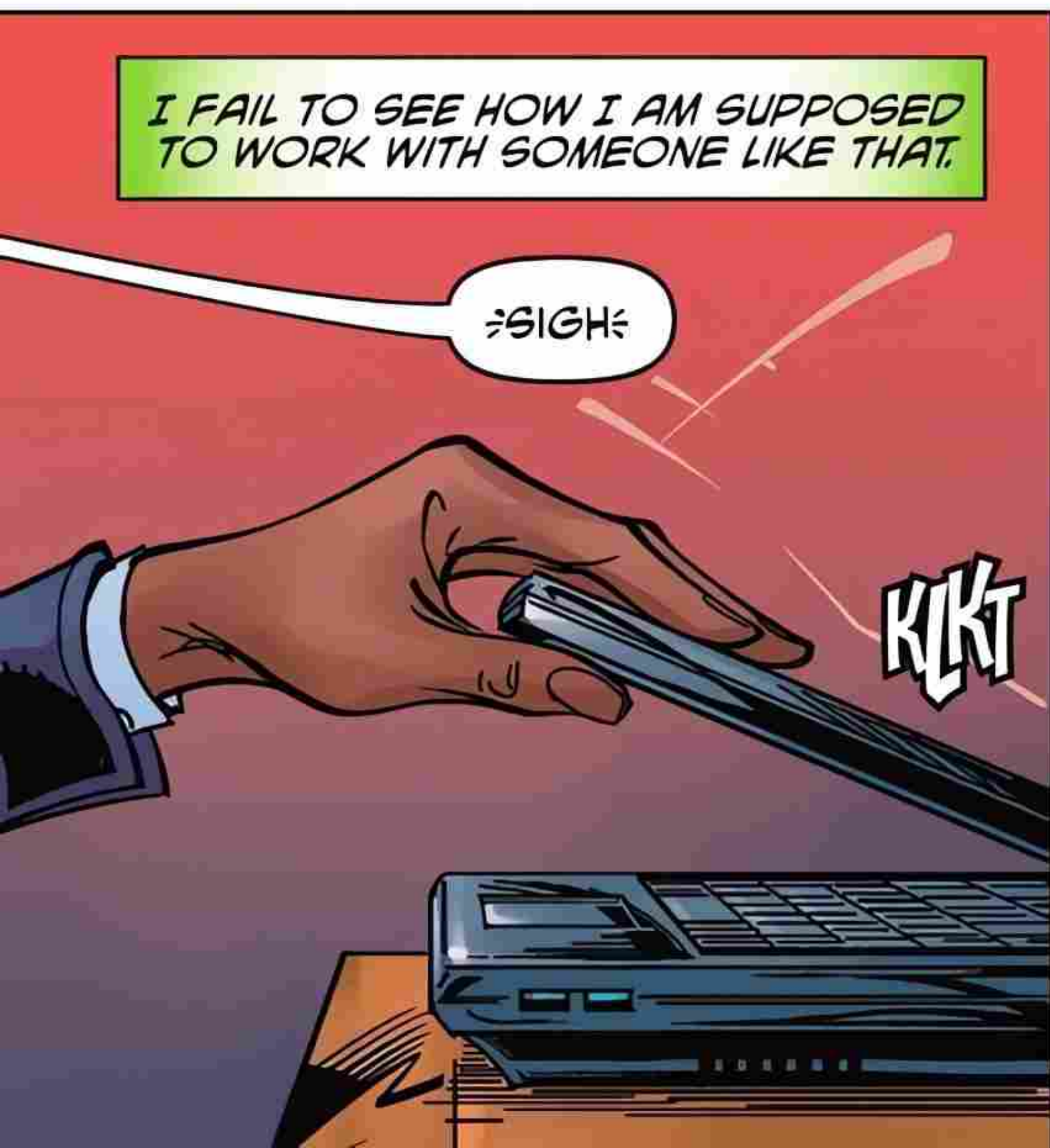
AS SUCH, MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE FIND SOME MANNER OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND OVERSIGHT OVER THE VIGIL.

FAILING THAT, THE TEAM SHOULD BE DECOMMISSIONED.



IN FACT, AS I WRITE THIS, I'VE REALIZED I HAVEN'T EVEN TALKED ABOUT THE TEAM'S LAST OPERATIVE, SAYA.

THAT IS BECAUSE, IN ALL MY TIME HERE, WE HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO EACH OTHER. NOT ONE WORD. NOT FOR WANT OF TRYING.



I FAIL TO SEE HOW I AM SUPPOSED TO WORK WITH SOMEONE LIKE THAT.

SIGH

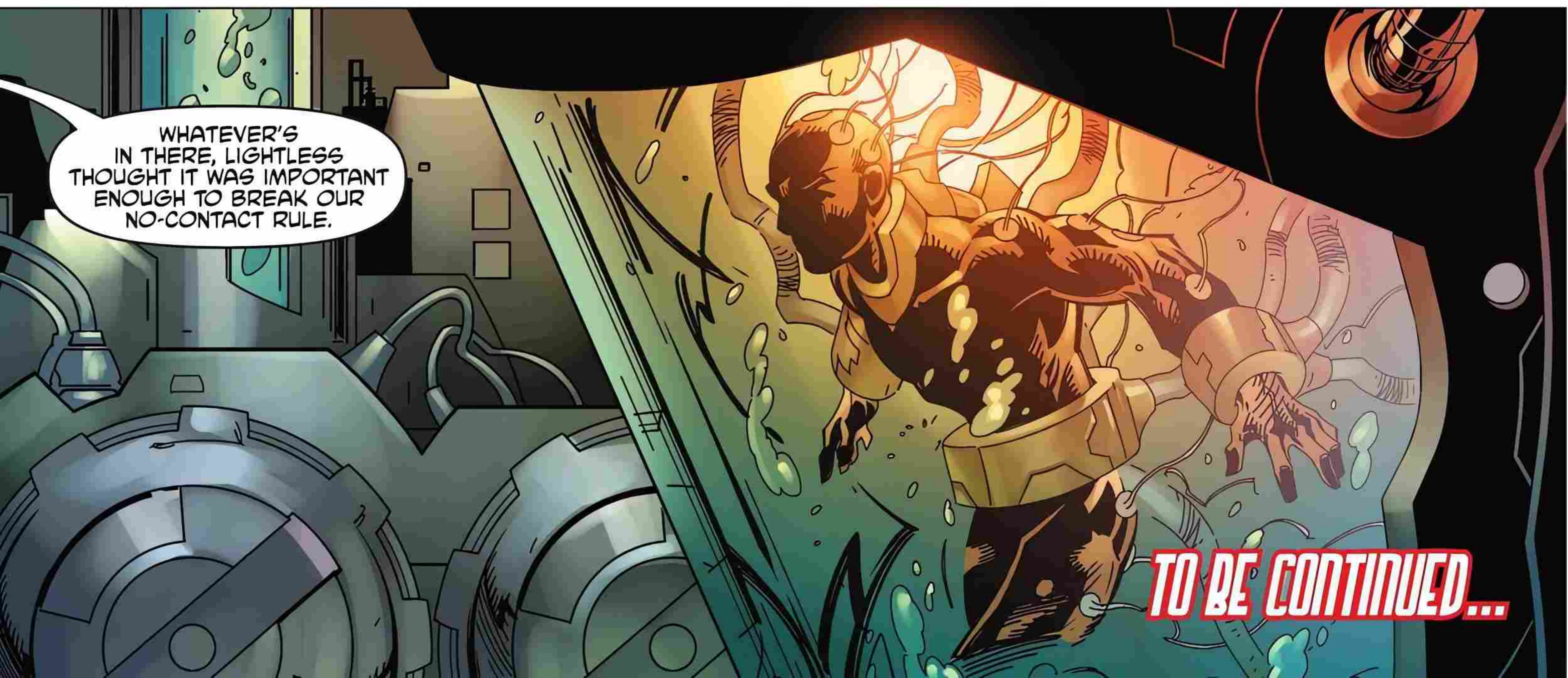
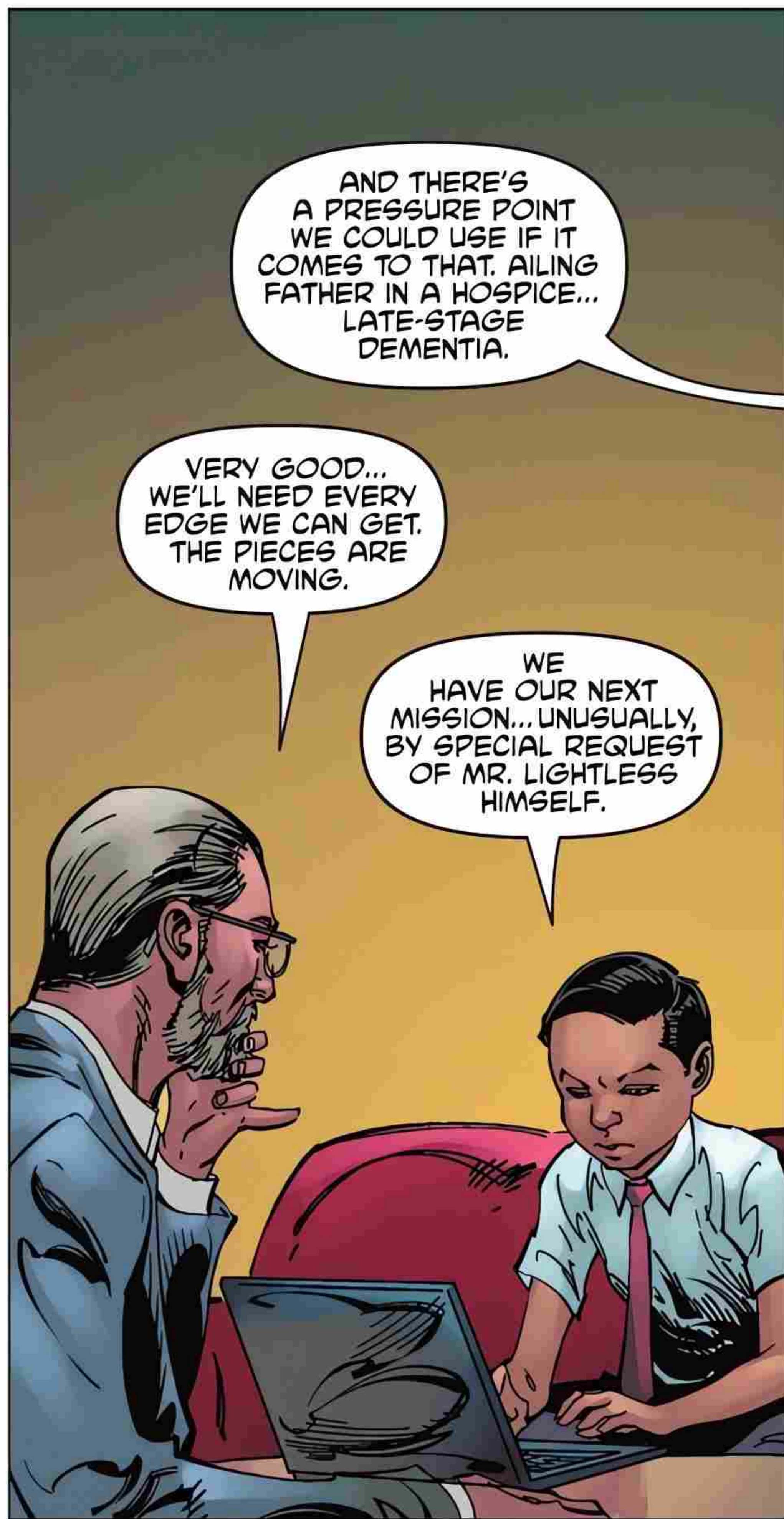
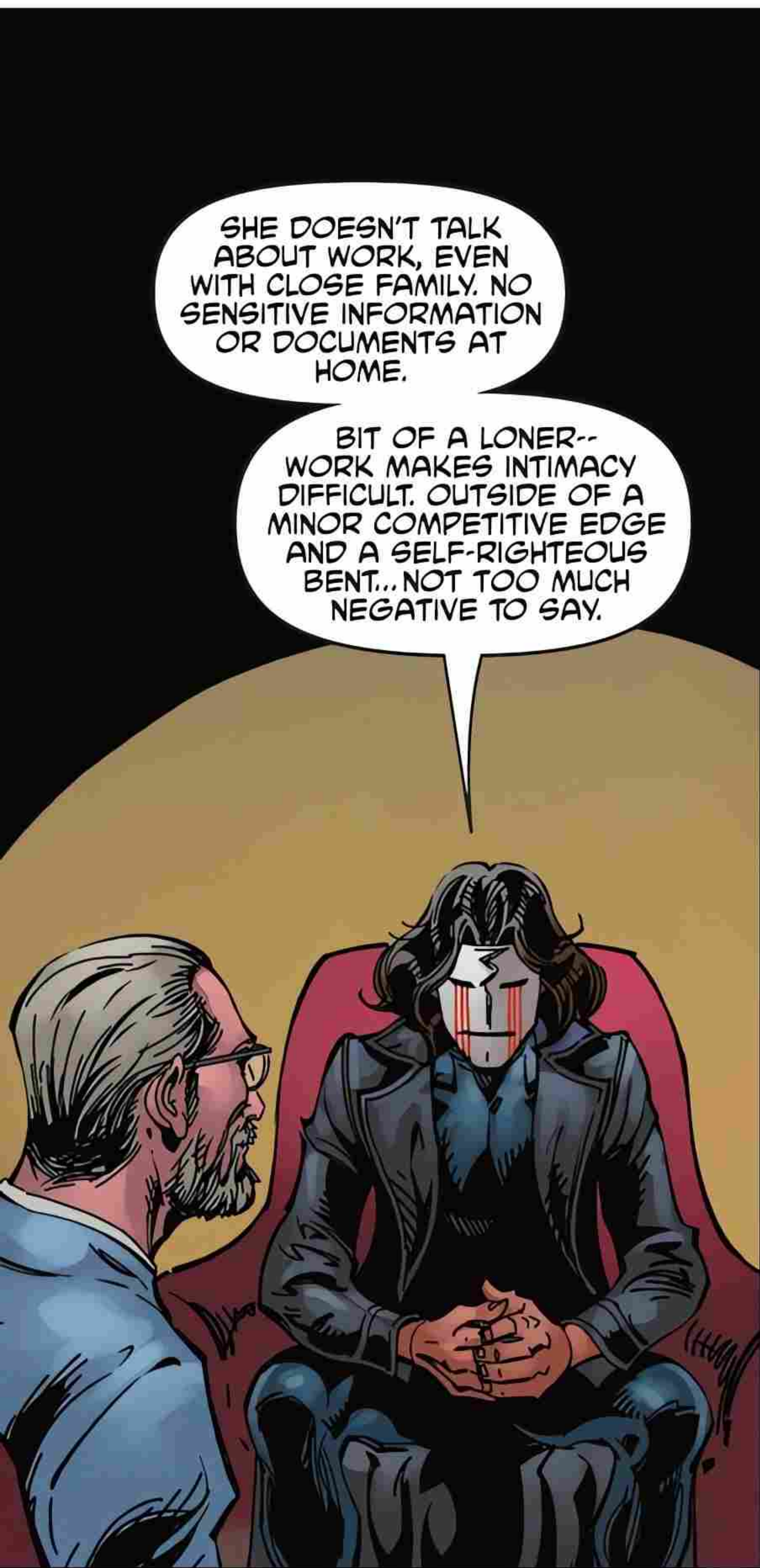
KIKT



HI.

OH!





IT'S NOT JUST A DREAM!

KNIGHT TERRORS:
WONDER WOMAN

CAN JUSTICE LEAGUE DARK
SAVE THE WAKING WORLD?



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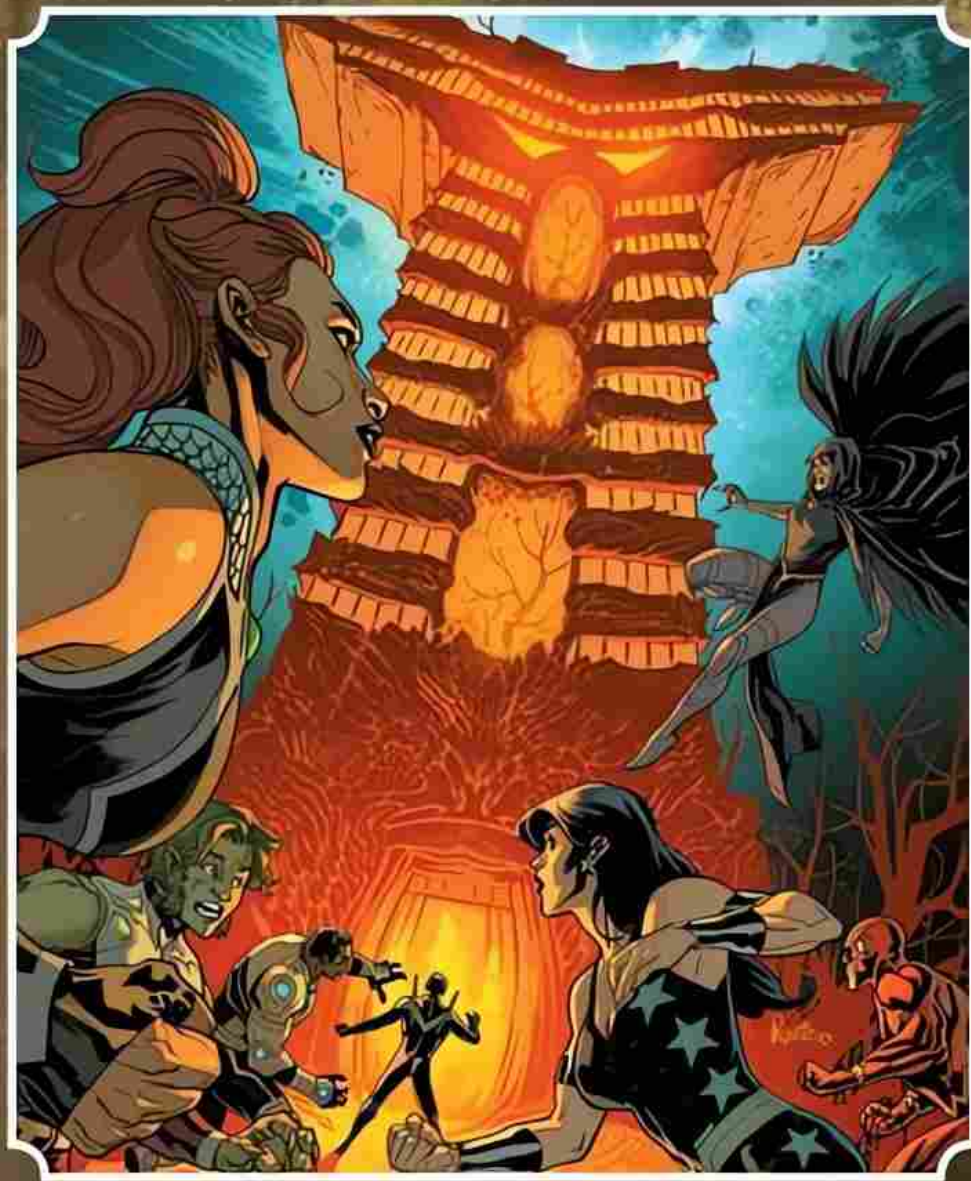
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KAHNDQA DESCENDS INTO
THE NIGHTMARE REALM!



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A DREAM!

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